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Births, Marriages, and Deaths (which in all cases must be authenticated), 3 lines, 2/6; each additional line, 1/0.

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BIRTHS.

CULHANE—November 30, 1937, at "Hillside," Knockaverry, Youghal, to Dorothy, wife of David C. Culhane, a daughter.

MORROW—December 4, 1937, at Harcourt Nursing Home, Dublin, to Evelyn Maud, wife of G. H Morrow, Ulster Bank, Naas, a daughter.

WEBB—December 9, 1937, at the Harcourt Nursing Home, Dublin, to Betty (*nee* Brooks), wife of T. Gilbert Webb, B.Sc., "Carrigeen," Harefield avenue, Cheam, Surrey, a son.

DEATHS.

ASHLIN—December 15, 1937, at a Dublin Nursing Home, Miriam, beloved wife of Stephen Ashlin. St. George's, Killiney. R.I.P. Funeral strictly private. No flowers, by request.

ASHMORE—December 14, 1937, at her residence, Skahanrane, Bagenalstown, Susan Ashmore, wife of the late John Ashmore. Deeply regretted. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral to family burial ground, Lorum, at 11 o'clock this (Thursday) morning.

HANNIGAN—December 14, 1937, at his residence, Gurtnavee, Drumcollogher, County Limerick, Doctor Timothy H. Hannigan. R.I.P. Funeral (strictly private) at 1 p.m. to-day (Thursday).

HUNTER—December 15, 1937, at Ballincor, Sligo, Rebecca (Ruby), aged 23, only daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Hunter. Funeral to Sligo Cemetery at 12 o'clock to-morrow (Friday).

JAY—December 14, 1937 at Coolcullen, Isabella, widow of the late George Jay, H.M. Customs, Dublin and Glasgow, at an advanced age.

KEARNEY—December 15, 1937, Hugh Kearney, aged 22, son of Mrs. Kearney and the late Hugh Kearney, of Limerick and Dun Laoghaire. R.I.P. Remains will be removed from St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, to St. Michael's Church to-morrow (Friday), December 17th. Funeral to Curtlestown. Glencree, on Saturday morning, after 9 o'clock Mass.

KENNAN—December 10, 1937, at Chicago, Thomas Sydney Kennan, aged 66, eldest son of the late Thomas Kennan, of 19 Fishamble street, Dublin.

LUTHER—December 11, 1937, at Camberley, Colonel Anthony J. Luther, C.M.G., O.B.E., son of Rev. Canon Luther, Ballyorgan, Kilmallock.

MOAREE—December 14, 1937, at 32 Mount Shannon road, Kilmainham, Bernard, youngest son of the late Bernard McAree, H.C.M., R.I.C. R.I.P. Funeral (strictly private) from St. James's Church, after 10 o'clock Mass, this (Thursday) morning, the 16th.

STEPHENS—December 14, 1937, Maria, dearly-beloved wife of Captain T. J. Stephens, R.A.S.C. (R.P.), 23 Kingsmere avenue, Belfast, to the inexpressible grief of her sorrowing husband, family, and son-in-law. R.I.P. House and funeral strictly private.

WINGFIELD—December 15, 1937, Robert Hinton Wingfield, of Dunran, County Wicklow, in his 83rd year. Funeral private.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 8.

IN MEMORIAM.

ADAM—Seventh Anniversary—Too dearly-loved to be forgotten, darling little Duggie, called Home on December 16th, 1930.—Mamie and Daddy.

BAIRD—To the dear memory of our beloved mother, Mary Baird, who died on 16th December, 1931. "Peace, perfect peace."

DUNPHY—In sad and loving memory of my dear wife, Elizabeth (Lil), who departed this life on December 16th, 1936 (late 41 Lower Beechwood avenue). On her soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy. Masses offered.
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Memories are treasures no one can steal."
Inserted by her loving husband.

DUNPHY (nee Moore)—First Anniversary—In sad and loving memory of our dear Lil, Mrs. Elizabeth F. M. Dunphy, 41 Lower Beechwood avenue, Ranelagh, who died on the 16th December, 1936. R.I.P. My Jesus, mercy. Masses offered.
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Is all she asks to-day.
Inserted by her loving parents, brothers, and sisters.

FLANAGAN—Second Anniversary—In loving memory of our dear brother, Very Rev. John Canon Flanagan, P.P., Fairview, who died on the 16th December 1935. R.I.P.

HAAN—In ever-loving memory of Arthur Clemens Haan, Eccl. Student, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, Dublin, son of the late Professor Gustav F. L. Haan, of Calcar, Niederrhein, Germany, who died on the 16th December, 1920. Masses offered to-day. R.I.P.

MacBRIEN—In memory of our dearly-loved ones, Ben and Olivia, called Home, December, 1933. Ever remembered.—Henrietta and Bennie.

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Dated 15th day of December, 1937.
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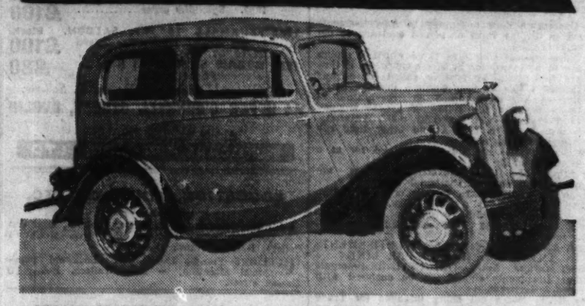

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LAW NOTICES—Thursday, December 16.

AN CHUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS UACHTARACH
(The Supreme Court.)

At 11 o'clock. For judgment—Nevin (Kathleen) v. Devanny; Nevin (Bernadette) v. same; in re W. Comp. Act, O'Brien v. Co. Board of Health, Co. Tipperary—S.R.

Before the President of the High Court, Saorstat Eireann. In Court 1, at 11 o'clock. Petitions—52nd Section, G.S.; 12th Section, L. O'Dea. Notice of Motion—Notice of Motion, J. O Donnell. Minors—Roche Kelly, minors; Murphy, minors.

AN ARD-CHUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS
(The High Court.)

In Court 6, at 11 o'clock. Motion—Independent Newspapers, Ltd., v. Irish Press, Ltd. Action (at hearing)—Manning v. Brady; same v. same and McKay.

For Friday, 17th December (at the conclusion of the Bankruptcy List). Motions—Kenny v. Byrne; Thornton v. Edron Trust, Ltd.

In Court 1, at 11.30 o'clock. Circuit Appeals. Midland Circuit—Egan v. Chambers (at hearing); Cox v. Moffat; Upper Inny Drainage Board v. Campbell.

Southern Circuit—Hayes v. Widger (W.C. Act).

Eastern Circuit—Whelan v. Stafford and others; Byrne v. Staunton.

South-Western Circuit—Greenagh River Drainage Board v. McNamara; Minister for Lands and another v. Connery; Sluddert v. Sheehan.

For Friday, 17th December. In Court No. 1, at 11 o'clock. For judgment—1. Mulvey, appict., Kieran, respdt; 2. the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, applcts, the Special Commrs. of Income Tax, respdts.

In Court 2. For Thursday, 16th December. Action (further consideration)—Hungerford v Hungerford.

OIFIG AN MHAISTIR-MHEASAIREACHTA.
(The Taxing Master's Office.)

Master O'Hanlon, at 11 o'clock. Ex Parte Taxations—Fury's estate, P. M. Hosty; Henderson v. Clones Greyhound Racing Co.—W. Reid; Breslin v. Walker, R. W. McNeice; Frisby, decd., T. G. Lanigan; Blakeney, decd., A. D. Kennedy and Figgis; Blakeney, decd., A. D. Kennedy and Figgis; Blakeney, decd., A. D. Kennedy and Figgis.

Master Kennedy, at 11 o'clock—Freeley, decd., G. Maguire; Freeley, decd., G. Maguire; Byrne, decd., J. A. Shaw and Co.; Russell v. Meade, E. S. L. Ward; Russell v. Meade, Smyth and Son.

OIFIG AN SCRUDORA.
(The Examiner's Office.)

Mr. Adderley (Room 104), at 11 o'clock—E. Fitzmaurice, decd., Palmer v. Fitzmaurice.

Mr. Greville (Room 103), at 11 o'clock—Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., v. Delaney; National Bank, Ltd., v. O'Farrell; M. Linehan, decd., Warran v. Culhane; Mulhall v. Lynam; D. O'Brien, decd., McKiernan v. O'Brien; Ritchie v. Murray; J. McCarthy, decd., Smyth v. McCarthy; O Neill v. O Neill.

Mr. Scanlon (Room 106), at 11 o'clock—Fitzgerald v. Davoren.

COIMISIUN TALMHAN NA h-EIREANN.
(IRISH LAND COMMISSION).
At Examiners' Chambers, 23 Merrion Square.

Before Mr. Franks, at 11 o'clock — Preston (S. 4873), vouch.

Before Mr. Jackson, at 3 o'clock—Allan Armstrong (S. 5329), discharge rulings; Charles Armstrong (S. 5359), discharge rulings.

At 29 Merrion square.

Before Mr. Ryan, at 11.30 o'clock—J. McCarthy (S. 4073), discharge rulings and settle schedule.

Before Mr. Shields at 11 o'clock—Estate of Ellen Niblock (S. 3123), discharge rulings and settle schedule.

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT.
Courthouse, Green street, Dublin.

This Day—Unsworn jurors Nos. 1 to 300 are now discharged from further attendance.

AN CHUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS CHUARDA.
(Circuit Court of Justice.)

Before Judge Shannon at the Law Courts, Chancery place. For Monday, 20th December, at 11 o'clock a.m. In Chamber. Income Tax Appeal (for judgment) (at the conclusion of Income Tax Appeal the following list will be taken up):—Motions—Purtill v. O'Callaghan (equity); Satisells, Ltd., v. the Dublin Kinematograph Theatre, Ltd. (L. and T. Act); O'Dwyer and anor. v. McFarlane, 4859; Charles v. McFarlane, 4859. Applications for Summary Judgment—Skelly v. McMahon; Walton v. MacDiarmada (McDermott), 4824; Doyle v. O'Toole; Charles v. Finnegan; Harrowitz v. McGrath, 4745; Lee v. Stokes, 4795; McLysaght v. Harvey, 4095; Wine v. Cullen, 4825; O'Brien v. Durnin 4853; Howell v. Brophy, 4852; Downes v. Whelan, 4860; Kelly v. Oglesby, 4771; Honan and ors. v. Volentic, 4770; Gibney v. Currie and ors., 4164; Traynor v. Chief, 4259; Raul v. McDowell, 4750; Douglas and Son, Ltd., v. Shortt, 4847; Noyk v. Quinn, 4858.

AN CLARAITHOR CONTAE.
(The County Registrar.)

At 12.30 o'clock. Taxation of Costs—Vauxhall and General Finance Corp. v. Doyle; Clancy v. Flanagan's, Ltd.; Cassidy v. Quigley; Clare and Sons, Ltd., v. Scott; Dunne v. D. U. Tram Co. Equity—Ball v. Egan.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.

Before Mr. Conroy (for Mr. Little) at Morgan place, at 11 o'clock—Undefended ejectment processes adjourned to this date; undefended civil processes adjourned to this date; defended ejectment processes adjourned to this date; defended civil processes adjourned to this date.

LOUTH PREMISES BURNED

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

DUNDALK, Wednesday.

A public-house valued for about £2,000 at Gyles' quay, near Dundalk, was burned to the ground this morning. A peculiar fact is that so far as can be ascertained at present no person saw the fire. The premises, owned by Mr. William Russell, of Dundalk, were used for summer trade only, and had been unoccupied since the 11th of October last. At 4 o'clock this morning a telephone message was received at the Ravensdale Barracks from the Cooley Alcohol Factory (about a mile from the premises) reporting a fire in the Cooley district. Guards who visited the area were unable to locate the fire, as the flames had apparently died down by then. At 7 o'clock it was found that the public-house at Gyles' quay had been completely gutted, only the walls then remaining.

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Edward Charles Grant (37), cleaner, was charged at the Old Bailey with causing grievous bodily harm to his wife with intent to murder her. He was found guilty, but insane at the time he committed the act, and Mr. Justice Du Parcq ordered him to be detained during His Majesty's pleasure.

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BEQUESTS TO CHARITIES

INTERPRETATION SOUGHT

COURT RESERVES JUDGMENT

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE GAVAN DUFFY.)

A NUMBER of charitable bequests in the will of Mrs. Matilda Nolan, late of 19 Albany road, Rathmines, Dublin, were referred to during the hearing of a summons brought by Henry Hannon, 2 Cowper Grove, Rathmines, and Guy B. Moffat Wilson, 3 College Green, the executors, to have the will construed.

The defendants were the Attorney-General; James Robinson, solicitor, Stephen's Green, Dublin; committee of the estate of Anna Maria McLoughlin, a sister of the testatrix, the Very Rev. W. Byrne, P.P., Stradbally, Leix, representing the charitable legatees named in the will other than residuary legatees; Mary Ita McGinty and Isabella Redington Roche, members of the Committee of the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra, representing residuary legatees other than the Convent of St. Vincent de Paul, North William street, Dublin; Sister Mary Tracy, Superioress of the latter convent, and the Rev. Mother, Presentation Convent, Stradbally.

Testatrix made her last will on the 11th December, 1934, and she died within the following three months, and this necessitated having the validity of the charitable bequests determined by the Court.

Having left £500 each to the two executors, she left £2,300 in other legacies, mostly charitable bequests. The value of the estate was stated to be between £4,000 and £5,000.

The plaintiffs asked the Court to say whether the devise of a moiety of certain real property in the town of Stradbally to the Rev. Mother of the Presentation Convent there was void, and, if so, did it pass to the Rev. Mother as her own personal property.

QUESTIONS FOR COURT

The Court was also asked to determine whether the following gifts were wholly or partly void: £100 to the Council, St. Vincent de Paul, Dublin; £50 to the Rev. Father Stephen Clune, C.C., Church of the Holy Name, Beechwood avenue, Dublin, for Masses; £25 to the Rev. Father William Keane, C.C., ditto, for Masses; £25 to the Rev. Father James Doyle, C.C., ditto, for Masses; a direction to her executors to spend £200 for the erection of a stained glass window in the Church of the Holy Name in memory of her husband, her son and herself; £100 to the Rev. Father Byrne, P.P., Stradbally, for the poor of the town; £10 to Father Byrne for Masses; £100 to the parish priest at Myshall, Co. Carlow, for the benefit of the poor of the town, and £10 for Masses; one-seventh of the residue each to the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra; the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Upper Camden street, Dublin; the Convent of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, North William street, Dublin; St. Joseph's Carmelite Convent, Ranelagh; St. Claire's Convent, Harold's Cross; the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the trustees of the Catholic Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Cabra.

Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy reserved judgment.

Mr. Overend, K.C., and Mr. A. Pringle (instructed by Mr. Gerald F. Robinson) appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. J. J. Mooney (instructed by Mr. T. Doyle) for the Rev. Father Byrne, P.P.; Mr. J. L. Esmonde (instructed by Mr. P. J. O'Neill) for the Rev. Mother, Presentation Convent, Stradbally; Mr. R. J. O'Neill (instructed by Mr. H. T. De Vere White) for Sister Margaret Mary Tracy; Mr. Bacon (instructed by Mr. James Robinson, General Solicitor in Lunacy) for the committee of Anna Maria McLoughlin; Mr. E. J. Kelly, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. O'Connell Rooney and Co.), for the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra, and Mr. Walter H. Molony (instructed by Mr. J. L. Burke) for the Attorney-General, as representing the charities.

PEDIGREE CATTLE TO BE RETURNED

M.F.H.'S ACTION AGAINST STEWARD

(BEFORE THE PRESIDENT OF THE HIGH COURT.)

Reserved judgment was delivered in favour of the plaintiff in the action in which John Alexander, junior, The Kennels, Clonshire, Adare, Co. Limerick, joint Master of the Limerick Hunt, as committee of his father, Major John Alexander, Milford House, Co. Carlow, sued Dawson Miller, farmer, Sandford's Court, Co. Kilkenny, for the return of eight Aberdeen-Angus pedigree cows and heifers and their calves, a pony trap and harness, a mare, cart and harness, and a number of medals, which, it was alleged, Miller took away with him when he left Major Alexander's employment as steward in May, 1936.

Defendant pleaded that the property had been given to him by Major Alexander; and he counterclaimed £900 as arrears of wages, and £70 alleged to have been expended by him on Major Alexander's behalf.

The President said that he found as a fact that at the date when the gift of the cattle and other chattels was alleged to have been made by Major Alexander the Major was of unsound mind and incapable of transacting business, and that the defendant knew him to be so incapable.

As regards the counterclaim, he could not accept Mr. Miller's story that he had voluntarily surrendered half his wages in 1932, and that he was to receive the arrears when times got better, and he would dismiss the whole counterclaim.

He regretted having to decide against the defendant, as he felt that had Major Alexander continued to be able to transact his business he would have recognised in a tangible way what the defendant had done for him, and the sacrifices he had made.

He made an order for the return of the cattle and other property, and assessed damages at £50, with costs, against the defendant.

Mr. Carson, K.C., Mr. T. Paul McCarthy, K.C., and Mr. Budd (instructed by Messrs. Malcomson and Law) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Albert E. Wood, K.C., Mr. Kingamill Moore, K.C., and Mr. Bacon (instructed by Messrs J. J. Duggan and Sons) for the defendant.

CAVAN MERCHANT'S WILL ACTION

MODE OF HEARING FIXED

(BEFORE THE MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT.)

An application was made by Mr. F. M. Duffy (instructed by Messrs. F. McBreen and Co.) on behalf of the plaintiff in a suit of Thomas Dowd, a merchant, of Ballieboro', Co. Cavan, against Mary Kiernan, of Glentath, Carlanstown, Kells, Co. Meath, for an order fixing the mode of trial.

The suit is brought by the plaintiff, as executor, to establish the will of Terence O'Reilly, a retired merchant, late of Ballieboro'.

Mr. Duffy said that Terence O'Reilly died, a bachelor, shortly after making his will, in April last. The defendant, who was his niece, was not mentioned in the will, and she was setting up the three usual defences. She agreed that the action should be tried without a jury.

The Master set down the action for trial before a judge without a jury, and gave an order for discovery of documents to both parties.

Mr. E. S. FitzSimon (instructed by Mr. Justin C. McKenna) appeared for the defendant.

TONNAGE DUES AT CORK

JUDGMENT RESERVED

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE HANNA.)

Judgment was reserved in the action in which the United States Maritime Commission sought to recover £2,053 15s. from Cork Harbour Commissioners in respect of alleged overcharges in tonnage dues paid, under protest, on steamers owned by the Maritime Commission, for calls at Cork between November, 1929, and February, 1930.

The greater part of the shipments from Cork to America consisted of Ford tractors.

The Harbour Commissioners contended that the dues paid in respect of the vessels, which were at the normal rates, were lawful and proper.

The issue in the case was whether the Maritime Commission was entitled to the benefit of reduced dues, applicable to vessels of a certain class and tonnage which shipped or discharged less than one-third of their entire cargoes at Cork.

The Harbour Commissioners stated that none of the vessels concerned complied with the conditions which would entitle the owners to the special rates, as they did not admit that the cargoes were, in any instance, a portion not exceeding one-third of the "entire cargo" of the ship concerned, within the meaning of the clause of the schedules dealing with the exceptions to the normal tonnage dues.

Mr. Justice Hanna said that he had received great assistance from counsel and solicitors on both sides. He had never had any case which was better prepared for the Court.

Mr. Frank FitzGibbon, K.C.; Mr. Cecil Lavery, K.C.; Mr. F. Monks, K.C., and Mr. Good (instructed by Messrs. D. and T. Fitzgerald) appeared for the Maritime Commission; and Mr. J. M. FitzGerald, K.C.; Mr. Martin Maguire, K.C., and Mr. E. J. Smyth (instructed by Mr. J. K. Coakley) for the Cork Harbour Commissioners

ARREST OF AN IRISH SPEAKER

COURT RESERVES JUDGMENT

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE FITZGIBBON, MR. JUSTICE MURNAGHAN AND MR. JUSTICE MEREDITH.)

The hearing of the appeal in the case of Tomas O Conghaile (Padraig) against Michael B. Wallace, District Court Clerk, Tully, Inverin, County Galway; Seoirse MacNiocaill, Galway County Registrar, and Hubert C. Burke, Governor of Limerick Prison, was concluded, and judgment was reserved.

The appeal was brought on behalf of the plaintiff from an order of the trial judge withdrawing from the jury and dismissing with costs his action against the defendants for damages for alleged wrongful arrest and false imprisonment.

It was stated that the appellant had fished on Lake Ballynahown after an injunction had been granted against him and other defendants in an equity civil bill brought in the Circuit Court by Mr. Wallace. He was a native Irish speaker, and his knowledge of English was wholly inadequate for the proper comprehension of the various legal documents served upon him. He was committed to prison, but subsequently was released by direction of the High Court, who held that the attachment order was bad, as it failed to show any authority from the Circuit Court for its issue.

In his action against the defendants the plaintiff stated that Mr. Wallace and Mr. MacNiocaill caused his arrest and imprisonment, and that the Governor of Limerick Prison placed him in the ordinary part of the prison and that he was treated like an ordinary prisoner.

The trial judge, on the application of counsel for the defendants, withdrew the case from the jury, and directed a verdict for all the defendants with costs. He said that the action was taken on the strength of a document issued from a judicial authority, and, although the document was later set aside, he was not satisfied that that justified the plaintiff in the present action in seeking to recover damages against the one who obtained the order, and those who acted on it quite *bona fide*

Mr Michael J. Ryan, K.C., Mr. J. A. McCarthy, K.C., and Mr. Alex. Lynn (instructed by Messrs. Lehane and Hogan) appeared for the appellant; Mr. Cecil Lavery, K.C., Mr. Brereton Barry, K.C., and Mr. E. C. Micks (instructed by Messrs. MacDermot and Allen) for Mr. Wallace; and Mr. Martin Maguire, K.C., and Mr. McLoughlin (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor) for Mr. MacNiocaill and Mr. Burke.

METHODIST CHURCH

SLIGO DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

At its stated monthly meeting, the Standing Committee of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the President of the Church, the Rev. C. H. Crookshank, Belfast, presiding, on the motion of the Rev. R. J. Elliott, B.A., seconded by the Rev. J. Wesley McKinney, expressed its deep sense of loss to the Church in the death of the Rev. C. S. Greaves, of Sligo. The Standing Committee gave permission for the sale of 30 Adelaide road, Dublin, which for many years had been the residence of the Superintendent of the Dublin Central Mission. Permission was given for expenditure in connection with the Grogey Church, Co. Fermanagh, and the Hydepark and Ligoniel Churches, County Antrim. Provisional permission was given for expenditure on the Dromore Church, County Down. A grant of £12 was passed towards an expenditure of £46 on the Adare Manse. The Rev. James M. Alley and Mr. David Collen reported on the steps being taken in connection with Galway Church and Skibbereen Manse. The Rev. W. H. Hayes presented the report of the Visitation of Circuits, which was accepted. Mr. A. M. Fullerton, O.B.E., reported on the various matters which had been dealt with last week in London.

Guests from every county in Ireland and from nearly every Methodist circuit were present on Tuesday evening in University Road Lecture Hall, Belfast, at the annual party given to students by the congregation. The Rev. and Mrs. John England and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hazelton received the guests.

The Epworth Choral Society gave a delightful concert in connection with the Blackrock Methodist Church last week, Dr. H. G. Smith conducting. There was a large attendance, and the proceeds were in aid of the Church Renovation Fund.

To fill the vacancy in the chairmanship of the Sligo district, caused by the death of the Rev. C. S. Greaves, a postal vote of the members of the Synod was taken by the President of the Church. All the votes were cast in favour of the Rev. Albert E. Carson, of Drumshambo, who has been declared elected. The Rev. R. E. Kerr, M.A., has been appointed acting superintendent of the Sligo Circuit till next conference, and the Rev. J. J. Harrison has been appointed to assist Mr. Kerr.

The Rev. Robert Ferguson, of Ballieborough, has accepted the invitation of the Largan High Street Circuit to succeed the Rev. W. E. Eames as second minister of the circuit at next conference. Mr. Ferguson will have the pastoral oversight of the country divisions of the circuit, Bluestone, Ballinacor, and Banfoot.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT

INFORMATIONS REFUSED

(BEFORE MR. CONROY, D.J.)

Informations were refused in a case in which James Hughes, Newfoundland street, Dublin, and Martin Tobin, College place, off Newfoundland street, were charged with being members of a riotous mob, assaulting Denis O'Sullivan, lorry driver, Sherrard avenue, and maliciously damaging a lorry and its contents (£40 worth of fruit).

The charges had arisen out of an alleged incident during the Dublin dock strike.

Mr. D. O'Donovan (Chief State Solicitor's Office) prosecuted, and Mr. John Murtagh, of Messrs. Murtagh, Fay and Co., defended.

CIRCUIT (CRIMINAL) COURT

ALLEGATIONS OF BRIBERY

CHARGE AGAINST COUNCILLOR

INSPECTION OF SITES FOR HOSPITALS

(BEFORE JUDGE DAVITT.)

JAMES GATELY, a member of the Dublin Corporation, residing at Sheilmartin avenue, was charged before a jury with attempted bribery. The charges were that, on August 14, 1936, at Finstown, Lucan, Co. Dublin, he offered to Gilbert Lynch, a member of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee, a trip to Paris or £25 as an inducement for him to vote in favour of the acquisition by the committee of lands at Finstown as the site for a branch mental hospital; that he offered £25 on similar condition to Gerald Doyle, of Larkfield Gardens, Kimmage; and a holiday in France to Thomas Byrne, of Derrynane Gardens.

In his opening address to the jury, the counsel for the State asked them to return a verdict without fear, favour or affection, and so to uphold the purity of public administration.

Mr. M. J. Connolly, K.C., who, with Mr. P. J. McEnery (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor), appeared for the prosecution, said that in May, 1936, the Joint Committee of Management of Grangegorman Mental Hospital, with the concurrence of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, proposed to acquire a site for a branch mental hospital either in County Dublin or County Wicklow. In response to an advertisement, about 25 offers were submitted, and on the 30th July, 1936, it was decided to inspect the nine sites. At Finstown on 14th August, Mr. Gilbert Lynch, a Labour representative, was looking over the site of Mr. John Waldron, when Councillor Gately approached him, took him by the arm and brought him to one side. "What do you think of the site?" he asked. "Isn't it a good site?" Lynch said that it might be, but that for the purposes of the Joint Committee it was not suitable. He added that he had heard a good account of the site at Shanganagh Castle. The accused man said: "Don't be a damned fool. There is money in this if you support Finstown. You will get £25 and a trip to Paris." Gately asked him had he met Mr. Waldron, and when Lynch said that he had not, the accused man asked him to come for a drink. Lynch refused.

AT THE MEETING

On 20th August a meeting to consider reports on the various sites was held in Grangegorman, and when Lynch was going towards the door of the boardroom the accused man stopped him and said: "Have you made up your mind what site to vote for?" Lynch replied that he had not; that he wanted to hear a full report on the sites. The accused man said to him: "Don't be a fool. Think of yourself. You will get £25 if you support Finstown." Lynch walked away and made no reply.

At a meeting on 15th October, when Lynch mentioned the incident, Gately denied that he had made any such offer, and referred to Lynch as a "mushroom man." "Probably," said counsel, "that was because he was a Labour representative, and not so wealthy as Mr. Gately."

On 14th August, after Finstown had been visited, the members arrived at Knockmitten, another of the sites. The accused man on that occasion went over to Doyle, another Labour representative, who was standing alone, and asked him what he thought of the sites. Doyle replied that he thought Blackditch and Shananagh Castle were the best two sites that they had seen. The accused man then said to him: "Come over to the 'bus" (the special 'bus in which the members had travelled). Doyle asked him what he wanted, and Gately replied: "I am in a position to make it worth your while to vote for Finstown at the Board." Doyle asked him what he meant, and Gately said: "I am in a position to offer you £25, which would give yourself and your family a month's holiday." To this Doyle replied: "I will have nothing to do with you, and nothing to do with anything tainted with bribery and corruption." Gately told him that he was a "damned fool."

Counsel continued that at a meeting of the Board to which he had already referred, Gately denied that he had ever spoken to Doyle.

HOLIDAY IN FRANCE

On 14th August, when the members were at a site belonging to a Mr. O'Rourke, the accused man announced rather loudly that the members had made up their minds that Finstown was the best site. Gately approached Thomas Byrne, a member, and asked him what he thought of the place. Byrne replied that he had not seen sufficient to give an opinion, but that, so far, he was rather in favour of Shanganagh. Gately said: "If you vote for this place (Finstown), I will promise you a holiday in France." Byrne replied that that did not appeal to him in the least; that he had spent some years there during the Great War, and he did not want to see the place again.

Mr. Connolly said, in conclusion, that the case was of importance, as persons elected as public representatives were trustees of the ratepayers' moneys. The ratepayers expected faithful and upright administration of public funds.

ALLEGED STATEMENT

Mr. J. J. Doyle, chief clerk at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, said that while they were at Knockmitten inspecting a site he heard Gately say in a loud voice that the members had made up their minds that Finstown was the most suitable site. Gately was not drunk, although he had drink taken at the time.

At a meeting of the committee, the witness added, Gilbert Lynch said that he had been approached and offered £25 or a trip to Paris if he would vote for a certain site. Some members said that they would not believe this about Gately; that Lynch was a "man of straw." There were angry denunciations of Lynch, who when asked to name the man said that Gately was the member and that Finstown was the site he had been asked to vote for. Gately denied it angrily and said that it was "a damned lie." Then Doyle said that the same offer had been made to him by Gately, who denied it, and said that he did not know who Doyle was and that he had never seen him before. Gately and Doyle were on the same committee, but neither was a regular attender.

Mr. Gilbert Lynch bore out counsel's statement in regard to the offer alleged to have been made by Gately and to the meeting at Grangegorman, and said that when he was called a "mushroom man" a member, Mr. Christie Byrne, said that he wanted to make it clear that the witness was not a "mushroom man" and that when he (Mr. Byrne) went to England during the "Black and Tan" regime he (Mr. Lynch) was fighting Ireland's battle there.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wood, who, with Mr. W. G. Fallon (instructed by Messrs. G. Byrne and Co.), appeared for the defence, witness said that the accused man was a successful candidate at the Dublin Corporation elections, where witness was defeated.

Mr. Wood—You have a very high reputation as a public representative?

The Witness—I keep it as high as possible.

Mr. Wood—Do you think from the condition that Mr. Gately was in that he was "kidding" you?—I don't think he was.

Would you go to Paris with Mr. Gately?—I don't think I would.

Judge Davitt—There is nothing in the statement to suggest that the trip should be taken in company.

The witness added that he would not describe it as a "drunken joke."

To Mr. Connolly, he said that he regarded it as being so serious that he reported the matter to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee.

Gerald Doyle also gave evidence of the offer having been made to him by Gately.

Mr. Connolly—When the accused man made the offer, did you notice anything about him?—Prior to that he had been a bit excited or abusive to the late chairman, Mr. Costello. The witness added that, arising out of the meeting of the Board, a resolution proposed by Mr. Everett, T.D., seconded by Mr. Corr, that the matter be reported to the Local Government Board, was defeated.

He agreed that Gately had some drink taken. Gately was trying to tell everybody around him that the Finstown site had been decided upon.

Mr. Wood—Was there any reason except drink why he should make such a fool of himself?—None, unless he wanted to see the Finstown site sold.

"A HUGE JOKE"

Thomas Byrne, member of the Committee, said he knew that "Gately had been four times at Mooney's" before the 'bus left Dublin on the day they inspected Finstown. Gately also opened a bottle of whiskey at Finstown. When Gately offered him a trip to France for his vote, the witness said that he treated the offer as a huge joke, as Gately was then under the influence of drink.

Detective Sergeant Reynolds said that when he approached Gately concerning the alleged offer to Lynch, Gately said: "We were all drunk that day and there was tons of drink on the job." Gately said nothing about Doyle, but in regard to Byrne he said: "That is a terrible fabrication—who is Byrne?" Later he asked: "Are the three of them belonging to the Labour crowd?"

Later Gately said: "When we went to Waldron's we all had drink. I know Waldron; he has been an old friend of mine for years. He asked me to assist him in getting votes, and when we went to the place and all was over some of the newcomers—some of the Labour lads who got a bad show at the last elections—asked me how much was this worth.

"I did say about an excursion to Mesopotamia, or some other place. I might have mentioned something about £25. That is rather the custom. We were all drunk. I am in public life for 30 years. This is terrible. I thought there would be an inquiry. Lynch tried it on, but he was beaten by 17 votes to 15." Asked to give this statement in writing, Gately said not to bother about it.

This closed the case for the State, and the Court adjourned until this morning.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins at 10 o'clock. Psalm, 79. Jubilate, 83. Hymn, 73 (1-3). Evensong at 4 o'clock. Psalms, 84, 85. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Haynes in B flat. Anthem, "See what love," Mendelssohn.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Morning Prayer at 10.45 o'clock. Benedictus. Hymn, 74. Evening Prayer at 3 o'clock. Goss in E. Anthem, "O wisdom," Stainer.

ST. PAPPAN'S CHURCH, Santry.—Advent Service at 8 p.m.

"Wasn't he inviting death and destruction all round him?" remarked Mr. W. F. McCoy, R.M., at the Belfast Summons Court yesterday, when he fined John Grant, of Chatham street, Belfast, 2s. 6d. and costs for "jaywalking." Mr. Gerald Magee, who defended, pleaded guilty, said that his client admitted walking between two tramcars and into a motor lorry which was stopped.

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"THE STRAW"

O'NEILL PLAY AT U.C.D.

When the Dramatic Society of University College, Dublin, chose for their production this year "The Straw," by Eugene O'Neill, they were very happy in their choice; for the players who took part in the presentation at the Theatre, 86 St. Stephen's Green, last night acquitted themselves so well that one felt they might not have been so fortunate in a play of another kind. "The Straw" is very characteristic of this author's work. He shows the sufferings of souls in torture, and at the same time the fateful hopelessness of struggle. In this piece a young girl who is mothering her brothers and sisters in the home of a selfish, drinking father becomes tubercular. Through the efforts of her doctor and the young man who professes love for her, she is taken to a sanatorium, where there is no hope for her recovery. While here, however, she discovers that she loves another inmate, a reporter, whom she helps to make a name in the literary world. When he is pronounced cured he leaves the sanatorium full of his own ambitions, and in his life in London he thinks little of the ailing girl. The latter finds that her home attachments have been sundered; that the man she loves does not return her affection, and she becomes incurable. Even when her lover's eyes are open at the last there is still no hope.

The play is a sad one, and it is all the more sad in that the players have been able to interpret so well the intentions of the author. The most accomplished actress could hardly have filled the part of the heroine more fittingly than Miss Maureen Halligan, whose acting, especially in the emotional scenes, proves her an amateur of exceptional ability. Marcus Keane is another good player, and as the father interpreted the part in a most natural way. Chris Bruton, as Dr. Gaynor, did very well while he was on the stage, and Michael Magan, as Fred Nicholl, gave a good picture of the timorous lover. As the reporter, Stephen Murray, Colonel Hogan has, perhaps, the most difficult part in the play, but he managed to do it very well. Then there was Deirdre Halligan as Mary, Lilian Discin as Miss Howard, and Mary Walshe as Miss Bailey, who are also worthy of special mention.

THE INCORPORATED ACCOUNTANTS

DUBLIN STUDENTS' SOCIETY DANCE

There was a large gathering in the Gresham Hotel last night for the dance held under the auspices of the Incorporated Accountants in Ireland Students' Society. An excellent programme of music was provided by the Gresham band, and dancing continued until 2 a.m. Numerous spot prizes were issued during the evening.

The attendance included:—The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. R. A. Kidney (President), Mr. and Mrs. M. Dell, Mr. J. J. Fitzpatrick, Mr. I. J. Kidney, Mr. H. J. Richardson, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. F. J. Kelly, Miss E. Masterson, Miss M. Baskin, Miss D. Watkins, Miss D. Carter, Mr. A. J. Walkey (Secretary), Miss P. Cashell, Miss L. Farquhar, Mr. J. B Byrne, Mr. P. Griffin, Miss G. Spicer, Miss D. Farragher, Miss C. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Lowrey, Miss L. Smilie, Mr. J. B. Byrne, Mr. J. H. Brown, Mr. G. M. Flynn, Miss B. Leask, Miss S. Leask, Mr. G. Leask, Mr. and Mrs. W. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. C. Watson, Dr. G. Ault.

Mr. J. Smythe, Miss S. Young, Mr. A. Warnock, Mr. F. J. Kelly, Mr. B. Byrne, Mr. T. Coulson, Miss B. Ewing, Mr. R. Poole, Mr. J. J. Dowling, Mr. L. Gibson, Miss Webb, Mr. Jameson, Mr. W. Leary, Mr. J. O'Leary, Mr. F. Stokes, Mr. A. Davidson, Mr. Duffy, Mr. T. Nill, Mr. Callow, Mr. S. Foster, Mr. D. Richardson, Mr. J. Fitzgerald.

IRISH ROADSIDE TREE ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of the Committee of the Irish Roadside Tree Association, Lady HolmPatrick presiding, arrangements were made for the distribution for sale of the Association's Calendar for 1938. The calendar is a handsome two-card one, with four photographs showing how trees enhance the beauty of the landscape. It was announced that the committee will soon be in a position to begin operations in co-operation with the Dublin Corporation. The committee is also arranging, to frame a scheme whereby county committees may affiliate in order to be supplied with advice on local tree-planting activities, in respect of which the technical sub-committee has prepared a pamphlet describing the trees suitable for streets and roadsides, and also containing instructions as to planting and pruning.

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FISH CONSERVATORS CONFER

A group taken at yesterday's annual conference of Irish Conservators of Fisheries at 110 Grafton street. Seated (from left): Mr. B. I. Newcombe (Secretary), Mr. H. Coffey, Mrs. Shiela O'Neill, Captain George Hewson (Chairman), Mr. J. W. Butler and Mr. S. Haynes. Standing: Mr. H. D. Pack-Beresford, Mr. A. E. Woodnutt, Mr T. Stevenson, Mr. F. F. Scott and Mr. C. W. Grove-White.

"TWENTY SHILLINGS FOR THE KING"

ENNIS TOWN HOLDS ANCIENT PAPERS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

ENNIS, Tuesday.

During a discussion on tolls and customs by the Ennis Urban Council reference was made to the patent rights, and the solicitor (Mr. M. J. McNamara) was directed to examine the patents and place his views before the Council. The solicitor has now done so, and the matter will be further discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

The patent for the fairs and markets of the town is dated 7th February, 1610, and was granted by King James I. to Donough, Earl of Thomond. He had the right "to hold one free market every week in the town of Inish (Ennis) on every Tuesday for ever," and a fair in the same place on the Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, "to continue for ever, and rendering thereout to the King the sum of 20s yearly." In 1621, by letters patent, King James granted to the Earl of Thomond the manor castle of Clonroad, with twelve quarters of land adjoining the town of Ennis, and appointed him clerk of the markets and master of assays within the manor. Afterwards the Earl of Thomond made grants in perpetuity of the fairs and markets to Brigadier-General Francis Gore. In 1834 the Thomond estate became vested in the Right Honourable George O'Brien, Earl of Egremont, who applied for a new patent to hold additional fairs and markets in Ennis. This was granted by King William IV. in 1835, and included the right to hold a court of pie powder to receive reasonable tolls and customs. Subsequently Lord Leconfied became owner, and he sold the rights of the fairs and markets, also a fair green containing 13 acres, to the Ennis Urban Council for the sum of £3,300. The Council has exercised these rights for some years past.

"THE MIKADO"

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' FINE PERFORMANCE

Amateurs in opera are sometimes painful; schoolboys frequently so. It was a very agreeable surprise, therefore, to find the boys of the High School, Dublin, putting on a performance of "The Mikado" last night that was wholly pleasing, and, indeed, deserving of high praise. The cast showed evidence of most careful rehearsal, and were a credit to the producer, Mr. Eric May (who was also the musical director), and the organiser, Mr. C. L. Dillon. The costumes were modelled on the most recent dressing of the D'Oyly Carte productions, and both Mr. W. R. Wilson, who designed them, and Mrs. Bennett, who supervised their making, are to be congratulated. Mr. Wilson also was responsible for the scenery and designs, and here he scored yet another brilliant success.

Three "Old Boys" played a very large part in the success of the production—Mr. T. F. V. Jackson as the Mikado, Mr. W. S. Kelly as Ko-Ko, and Mr. R. W. Mason as Pooh-Bah. Mr. Kelly has a robust basso, splendidly suited for the part, and the other two were equally at home in the music. It is always an extremely difficult matter to find a boy suitable for the onerous part of Katisha, but the producers made an admirable choice in Master R. R. Quin. The "Three Little Maids from School" were portrayed by three youngsters, of whom the eldest was well below fifteen years of age—Masters R. F. Luke (Yum-Yum), A. S. Burrows (Pitti-Sing), and P. J. Burgess (Peep-Bo). They had all the poise of adult actors of experience, and their singing was really good. Masters R. Lawrence and H. H. Lewis admirably filled the rôles of Nanki-Poo and Pish-Tush. The chorus did its work remarkably well, and, despite the restricted area of the stage, the grouping was very effective.

This production of "The Mikado" added yet another to the High School's unique record of successful presentations, and all concerned have every reason to feel the utmost satisfaction.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

MONTHLY MEETING IN DUBLIN

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council for the Blind of Ireland was held on Tuesday at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin. In the absence of Mr. Denis Barrett, Dr. J. S. Quin presided. Also present:—Miss A. S. Armitage, Mrs. Boxwell, Miss Browne, Mr. D. Byrne, Dr. F. S. Lavery, Mrs. Quin, Mr. W. MacPherson, Miss Rochfort Wade, Mr. Dickinson (representing the Richmond Institution), Mr. Hodges (representing the Molyneux Blind Asylum), and the Secretary. The committee were greatly indebted to Messrs. Hipps, Ltd., for the loan of their empty shop in Grafton street for the Christmas sale of work, the proceeds of which had amounted to approximately £53. Articles made by twenty-nine home workers from Dublin and the country, as well as work from the Dublin blind institutions, were exhibited and sold.

The Visiting Committee reported much distress and poverty among the Dublin blind. This was largely due to the greatly increased cost of living, as well as the reductions in blind pensions of married men with large families.

Encouraging reports were received from the branches of the National Council in South Tipperary, Clare and Cork. The South Tipperary branch held their annual meeting in Clonmel on December 10th. Their sixth annual report, recently published, shows the extension of their activities during the past year; they are in close touch with some 350 blind persons in their area. The County Clare branch were congratulated on the most successful concert which they had recently organised in aid of their funds. A most enjoyable entertainment and party had been given to 250 blind in Cork City by the committee of the Cork branch on December 8th.

It was reported that there appeared to be some confusion in the mind of the public in Cork regarding a young man who was making a house-to-house collection for the blind. Some time ago, owing to misunderstanding arising from the collections of other organisations for the blind, the Executive Committee of the National Council resolved that no house-to-house collections shall be made on their behalf, either in Dublin or throughout the country.

IRISH NEWS IN BRIEF

Christmas Mails from America.—Christmas mails in 1,218 sacks were landed at Cove yesterday from the U.S. Lines steamer, President Harding.

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Defective Brakes.—At Kilmainham yesterday Patrick Foley, St. Attracta road, Cabra, was fined £3 for having driven a motor car at Rathcoole with defective brakes and tyres.

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Child's Death.—Annie McDonnell (12), while cycling from Rathcabbin to Banagher on Monday evening, became suddenly ill near Banagher, and died on Tuesday morning.

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Body Recovered.—A body taken from the headrace at the power house of Messrs. Thos. McDonagh and Sons, Galway, yesterday, was identified as that of Mrs. Mary Finlay, Newcastle, Galway.

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Sent for Trial.—Thomas Kiernan, Normanstown, Kells, was, at Kells, sent for trial on a charge of misappropriating approximately £25 while acting as agent for the New Ireland Assurance Company.

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Elevated.—The Right Rev. Monsignor Edward J. Flanagan, Omaha, who has been raised to the ecclesiastical dignity of Private Chamberlain to His Holiness, with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor, was born at Lebeg, Ballintubber, County of Roscommon.

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County Tyrone Death.—A young married man, John Robinson, a stone mason, of Galbally, Dromore, Co. Tyrone, was killed on Tuesday night, in consequence of a severe fall when his bicycle skidded on the frozen road between Trillick and Dromore.

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Permission Refused.—Limerick Fishery Board yesterday refused permission to the Assistant County Surveyor of Kerry to enter a fresh water river during the spawning season for the purpose of taking out stones for a road improvement scheme.

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New Appointment.—Enniscorthy Mental Hospital Committee appointed Dr. C. B. Maloney, Assistant Medical Officer of Limerick Mental Hospital, as Resident Medical Superintendent. The post carries a salary of £700 a year, rising by annual increments of £20 to a maximum of £800.

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Cork City is Growing.—"The city is growing and housing accommodation is infinitely improved, but the number of people who need the St. Vincent de Paul Society's help seems to be growing, too," said the Most Rev. Dr. Cohalan, Bishop of Cork, yesterday, at the annual Christmas drawing of prizes of the Society.

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Turkey Prices.—Top price for turkeys in Drogheda yesterday was 10d. per lb. (live weight), and the average run for good birds was from 8d. to 9d. per lb. Turkey markets, organised by the Farmers' Union, have been held in several districts around Carrickmacross in the last week. The prevailing price was 10d. per lb.

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Presentation—At a meeting of the Diocesan Council of the Girls' Friendly Society held in Enniskillen—the Bishop of Clogher presiding—Lady Theresa Lowry-Corry presented a silver dressing table set to Mrs. Steele on her retirement from the office of Diocesan Secretary, a post she has filled for twelve years.

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Dangerous Driving Fines.—At Kilmainham District Court yesterday Thomas Aspall, 2 West Temple street, Dublin, who was charged with having driven a motor car in a dangerous manner, at Fox and Geese, on the 16th September, was fined £2 for dangerous driving, £2 for failing to notify an accident, and £2 for driving without an insurance certificate.

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Employment of Dentists.—"We do not want to be paying an official £400 a year, going round in a motor car and doing nothing. The country is top-heavy with that sort of thing," said Mr. M. McMahon, M.C.C., at a meeting of the Clare Board of Health, when discussing a recommendation from the Minister for Local Government that a whole-time surgeon dentist be appointed for dental work in Clare, instead of three part-time dentists, as suggested by the Board. The Board decided to adhere to its decision.

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Rotational Labour Protest.—Recent criticisms by the Cork Harbour Board of the rotational system of employment drew a reply from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, Mr. H. Flinn, T.D., who is a member of the Board. Mr. Flinn's letter said that he was satisfied that results as technically and financially efficient were being attained under the system as under any other possible system employing the same labour. The Board decided to adhere to its previously expressed view against rotational schemes.

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Helping the Blind.—The Northern Ireland Government has decided to submit to Parliament a Blind Persons Bill similar to that which is in its final stages before the Imperial Parliament at Westminster. The principal object will be to lower from fifty years to forty years the age which blind persons must have attained in order to be entitled to pensions. The bill will also confer other benefits on the blind by enabling local authorities to give greater assistance to blind persons.

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Judgment for Defendant.—At Wicklow District Court yesterday, District Justice Price delivered reserved judgment in favour of the defendant in a prosecution brought under the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, against John Flynn, the proprietor of the Monument Press, Wicklow, and heard on the 17th November last. He agreed to state a case for the opinion of the High Court. He held that the word, "newspaper," referred to the "Irish Grocer," from the printing of which the summonses arose.

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Cork School Reports.—The annual reports for the Greenmount Industrial School, Cork, which is conducted by the Presentation Brothers, indicate that excellent progress continues to be made by this institution. "All classes are well taught, and the school retains the mark, excellent," says the reverend diocesan inspector's report. The Department's inspector, in his report for 1937, says: "The general conduct of the school merits the highest praise. Every phase of youthful development receives close and constant attention. On the national, cultural, physical and moral sides, the training of these boys is hard to surpass. The boys are very happy, and very much at home. For achieving such results the conductors are truly to be congratulated."

WEDDINGS

CAPTAIN W. MOLONY AND MISS DOREEN ETHEL MILLS

The wedding took place early yesterday morning, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Clyde road, Dublin, of Captain Willington Molony, of 38 Waterloo road, Dublin, and Miss Doreen Ethel Mills, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mills, "Turnings," Straffan, County Kildare.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. Arthur Broughton-Mills (cousin of the bride), who was assisted by the Rev. G. O. Simms.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty blue two-piece ensemble, the coat of which was trimmed with grey squirrel fur, while the belt was of a clover-coloured suede. Her small hat was also of blue, and was worn with an eye veil.

Mr. James Adam acted as best man.

After the ceremony Captain and Mrs. Willington Molony left by the Royal Mail steamer for London.

MR. W. B. MONTGOMERY AND MISS K. B. DURCAN

Early yesterday morning the wedding took place at the Sacred Heart Church, Donnybrook, of Mr. William B. Montgomery, solicitor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Montgomery, Coolbeg, Shrewsbury road, Dublin, and Miss Kathleen Durcan, solicitor, daughter of Mrs. Durcan and the late Mr. John Durcan, Turlough, Castlebar, County Mayo.

The Service was conducted by the Very Rev. Monsignor Molony, P.P., Donnybrook.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore a tailored suit.

There was one bridesmaid—Miss Nancy Durcan, sister of the bride.

Mr. Barry Montgomery acted as best man.

LADY DUDLEY NURSES

ENTERTAINMENT AT DUN LAOGHAIRE

A very entertaining programme was produced last night in the Town Hall, Dun Laoghaire, in aid of the Lady Dudley Nurses' Fund, by the Glenageary Dramatic Society. The first item was a comedy—"Three Half-Crowns," by J. J. Melluish, an amusing piece of work, which was extremely well acted and produced. The outstanding characters included Mr. H. Nelson (Colonel Bellamy), Mr. D. Bellamy, Mr. N. Proud and Miss M. Keller. The production was in the hands of Miss S. Fannin.

The second item on the programme was a musical burlesque, which was well done, and was followed by a sketch: "Made in Ireland," by R. Power, and a pantomime: "Cinderella," specially written for the occasion by the same author.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin was present, and thanked the company for the invitation, and commended the work being done by the nurses.

Mr. Conor Pim thanked the Lord Mayor for attending, and expressed the appreciation of his support felt by all concerned with the function.

INTOXICANTS AT DANCES

HOURS OF LICENSED HOUSES

At the quarterly meeting of the Executive of the Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland, resolutions were passed exhorting all Catholics not to permit those in their care to take part in entertainments at which intoxicating liquors were served, and also deploring the increase in the consumption of such liquors. Another resolution expressed the hope that the present opening hours of licensed premises would be considerably reduced by the operation of the Conditions of Employment Bill, and directed copies of that resolution to be sent to the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the President of the Executive Council.

In yet another resolution the attention of the authorities was drawn "to the urgent need" of curtailing the number of licensed clubs in the State, and a further resolution protested against "the grave abuses that still persist in the matter of the sale of wines (under wine licences) in chemists' shops." This resolution stated that a "flagrant example" of the sale of drink by licensed houses outside legal hours was the occasion of the recent G.A.A. football final.

The Very Rev. Father Aloysius, O.M.Cap., presided.

Fever Hospital as Laundry?—Mr. M. McMahon, at the Clare Board of Health, stated that £10,000 had been expended in bringing the General Hospital at Kilrush up to date, but the next thing they heard was that the Fever Hospital had been converted into a common laundry. When required for patients it was not available. That was a scandal. Patients were being turned away from the hospital, and other patients who were admitted when there was room were "cleared out" before their normal time, to make way for worse cases. In his opinion, the cause of the delay was due to the plethora of inspectors who came down to report, and probably finished without saying anything. It was agreed that Mr. Sean O'Grady, T.D., be requested to make inquiries into the matter.

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"Potato-Picking is Beneath Them."—When summoned at Dundalk District Court yesterday for aiding and abetting a woman in keeping her son from school, Cecil Blake, a farmer, of Ravensdale, said that he paid boys 2s. 6d. a day to pick potatoes. Juveniles were not employed to save money, but because grown men had an aversion to picking potatoes, as they regarded it as beneath them. "I had the best farm labourer in the country last year, and was paying him full wages before the Goverment bill ever came into force," said Mr. Blake, "and when I asked him to pick potatoes he replied: 'If you have no other work for me to do than pick potatoes, I won't do it. That is work for boys and women.'" When District Justice Goff said that the Labour bodies were against the employment of juvenile labour, Mr. Blake replied: "It is a good job we don't have to go to the Labour Exchange for them, or they would expect the potatoes to be boiled and served to them with a bit of steak before they would pick them." The Justice fined Mr. Blake one shilling.

PROUD TO TEACH IRISH

CATHEDRAL'S LINK WITH LANGUAGE

GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S FINE RECORD

"We teach Irish here, and we are proud to do so," said the Dean of St. Patrick's, who presided at the annual distribution of prizes at St. Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School last night.

"I would like it to be generally known," he added, "that my famous predecessor, Dean Swift, held Services in the Irish language every week during Lent—and that was at a time when nobody else in the country thought of it."

The Dean went on to say that the first books printed in Irish had been printed in that neighbourhood, and the first Irish type was set up by a person educated in the school.

After commenting on the very satisfactory progress made by the school during the past year, he said that St. Patrick's Cathedral School was one of the oldest schools in Ireland. About the year 1470 it received an endowment from the then Archbishop of Dublin—Archbishop Talbot. Some schools in England were proud of the fact that they had been founded in the reign of Henry VI., but their school went back a great deal further than that.

Speaking of the "old boys," Dean Wilson said that they had gone into distant parts of the world, and he had never met one who had not done well, no matter what sphere of life he had entered. Many of them had done distinguished work. One of the greatest of the world's flying men had been educated in the school, and the first man to receive the French Cross for Valour during the Great War, was another of the school's former pupils.

Concluding, the Dean said that the schools needed more boys with good voices. The school never had had a better staff, and their boys never had done better than at present.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

In the course of his annual report, the headmaster (Mr. H. V. Keegan, B.A., LL.B.) said that the school had completed a satisfactory year, and had received very favourable reports from the inspectors. Two boys were presented for the Intermediate examination and both had been successful.

The school team had reached the semi-final of the junior schools' hockey cup, being narrowly defeated by the ultimate winners. The association football team had won all its matches Vine Sanderson, who had learned his hockey at the school in 1929, had been chosen last season to represent Ireland on three international teams, and his brilliant play had been one of the chief factors in bringing the triple crown to this country.

In the musical world the continued success of past boys must be some little reward to Dr. Hewson for his painstaking care, and the number of former pupils who were organists in city churches was a tribute to another side of Dr. Hewson's many activities.

NOT MUSIC ALONE

The Precentor (the Rev. Canon T. W. E. Drury) spoke of the fine musical education imparted to the boys by Dr. Hewson and Mr. Turner Huggard and said that he had heard that a school which trained its boys so wonderfully well in music could not give a good general education. That was a mistake. In the long distant past it might be that music was the only thing taught in the school, but the school was now recognised by the Department of Education as a secondary school, and the pupils achieved many successes in the Intermediate examinations and in the University. In addition, former pupils held important posts in the commercial life of Dublin. Music, said Canon Drury, was an extra subject; something over and above the ordinary education which the boys received. The school, he mentioned, also possessed a staff of three university graduates.

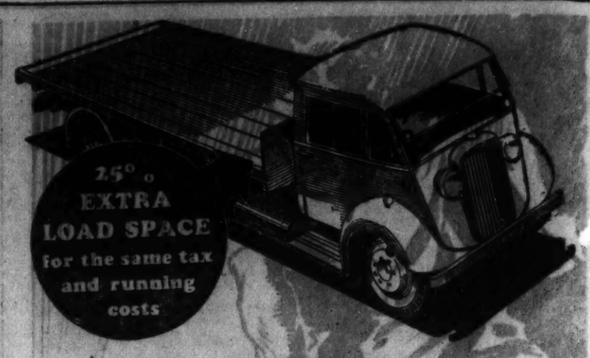
The Succentor (the Rev. Henry Savage, M.A.), proposing thanks to Canon Drury and to Mr. Cooper-Walker (who presented the prizes) referred to the religious side of education in the School, and said that it was his purpose to give the boys a little real religious, true religious something that would remain with them all their days. Religion was not a subject to be learned; it was a life to be lived, and he tried to keep that in mind when he taught in the School.

Mr. Savage refuted the suggestion that the boys coming to the Cathedral School were hardened against religion.

The proceedings concluded with an enjoyable concert given by the boys.

Also on the platform were Professor G. H. P. Hewson, Mus.Doc., and Mr. W. Power-Steele.

It was mentioned that the Board had offered six free scholarships to boys under the age of nine years who had promising voices.



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Local government is, or ought to be, the administration of local affairs by the people for the people, said Alderman R. Corish, T.D., in the course of an address in the Women Workers' Union Hall, Fleet street, Dublin, last night. For centuries it had been assumed, he continued, that a certain class had an inherent right to govern. Up to the seventies the landlord element maintained a firm grip on the administrative reins both in urban and in rural councils. In the counties local administration was in the hands of the grand juries, made up entirely of landlords, and in the towns people of a similar class had control of the urban councils. The franchise was limited, and it was impossible to have a man elected who could be said to be a true representative of the people.

For a long time people were clamouring for a share in the administration of local affairs, and demanding that local administration should be taken out of the hands of a class and given over to the people of the country, and in 1898 an Act was passed which contained provisions which they long had sought.

Alderman Corish said in Wexford, which he represents in the Dail, they had been building houses by direct labour, and found that, although they gave the men first-class conditions and good wages, the price of the houses worked out cheaper than if they had been built by contract. All their works, such as sewerage and waterworks, were done by direct labour, and it was found that direct labour gave a better return than the contract system.

Mr. Martin O'Sullivan presided.

CASTLEBAR FIRE

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CASTLEBAR, Wednesday.

Two business premises in Main street, Castlebar, were destroyed by fire this evening. Starting in the office of Mr. Morrin, Ballina, the fire had made considerable headway before the arrival of the local fire brigade. It spread to the adjoining premises of Mr. Jennings.

A jury at Manchester City Quarter Sessions yesterday stopped the case against James Arthur Rowbottom (33), a police constable in the Manchester City Police, who was charged with breaking and entering a Manchester shop and stealing paint brushes and 1s. 6d. Discharging P.C. Rowbottom, Mr. Noel Goldie, K.C., said that he left the court without a stain on his character.

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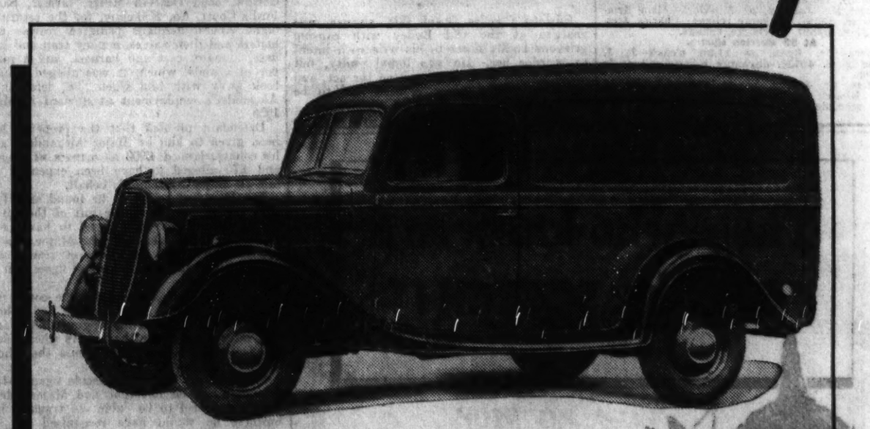

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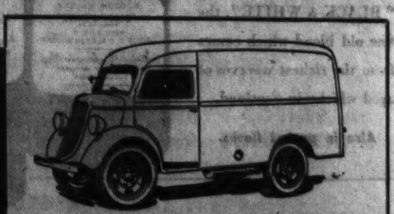

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Grafton street and the streets in its immediate vicinity—Nassau street, Dawson street, Wicklow street, Suffolk street, Duke street, South Anne street, and the rest, not to mention St. Stephen's Green itself—constitute one of the best shopping centres in these islands. Any doubt on the question will be removed by a visit to the shops in the area mentioned at any period of the year.

Just now the visitor will be impressed by the thoroughly efficient and up-to-date manner in which the shops have risen to the demands of the season. Salesmanship is here seen at its best. Not only has the art of display reached an exceptionally high state (there are here triumphs in window-dressing that could not be excelled), but the manner in which the customer's interest is studied and his or her wants anticipated leaves nothing to be desired.

Here one finds a curious juxtaposition of the old Dublin and the new—streets and buildings reminiscent of a more leisurely day and ultra-modern shop-fronts with Neon signs and flashing bulbs; brisk business methods and the old-world courtesy for which Dublin is still famous. There is a fascination in shopping in this area which is native to the city and to be found in few other districts in the metropolis.

It is not easy at first to appreciate why this quarter should hold so much of the essence of the spacious days of Ireland, should be so reminiscent of the good in the "bad old days," and should welcome the stranger or the returning traveller in a manner that seems all at once to admit him to the intimacy of Ireland. How many exiles in different parts hold the memory of Grafton street and its neighbouring thoroughfares next to the memory of their homes, and look forward to once more perambulating the narrow pavements as to nothing else?

The reasons which may be given for the attraction are many, but the other day an idea occurred to me which seemed to explain it—apart from the fact that you can see everybody who is anybody in Ireland if you stand long enough outside one of the famous teashops. It would be necessary, I am sure, to search a great many parts of the world before an area could be found whose brief length contains the means of providing nearly all man's requirements from the cradle to the grave. In the great ten-mile streets of the United States such completeness may not be unusual, but what chance has a ten-mile area of acquiring an atmosphere of individuality? Even in European cities, however, with their shorter streets, most of which are of a specialised character, the strange, alluring atmosphere is rarely to be found.

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Do their eyes need attention? Here are oculists and ophthalmologists and the latest fashions in eye-wear, and, of course, all that is wanted in the way of binoculars and opera glasses.

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ANOTHER CALL TO THE GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTIONS calling for the abolition of Customs duties on fish sent as presents from the Free State, and dealing with the protection of rivers from poaching and pollution, were considered at the conference of Irish Conservators of Fisheries at 110 Grafton street, Dublin, yesterday.

At the instance of the Waterville Board, Mr. J. W. Butler proposed, and Mr. Patrick Duffy seconded, a motion that the Minister be asked to make it illegal to possess any net for catching fish near all inland fisheries without a licence, and to give the Guards power to seize such nets whenever found, on the same principle that it was illegal to have a gun without a licence.

Mr. Mongan, T.D., said that these were changed times. This was a dangerous resolution, and he thought it ought to be dropped. It was ridiculous to say that a man should not possess a net because it did not suit gentlemen to let him have one. If the man was caught fishing with it that was a different thing.

The Chairman asked would it meet Mr. Mongan's view if they inserted in the resolution "in the vicinity of any fresh water."

Mr. Mongan said it would. It was the duty of the local committees and the Guards to stop illegal fishing, but to say that a man should not possess a net in his house was another thing.

The matter was referred back for the consideration of the standing committee.

MALICIOUS INJURY

On the motion of Mrs. O'Neill, the meeting adopted a resolution, submitted by the Kenmare Board, to the effect that legislation should be introduced to enable Boards of Conservators to proceed under the Malicious Injuries Act, and that any compensation granted should be paid to the conservators of the district, and be expended by them in restocking the river where poisoning or other damage had been done.

A motion submitted by the Ballyshannon Board suggesting that the Government should take immediate steps with the British Government for the removal or reduction of the present penal tariffs was submitted.

Captain R. Law said that as the tax on horses had been abolished, he did not see why that on fish should not also be removed.

Mr. Ffrench Davis said that the fishery people should take the same steps to that end as the horse-breeding people had. The horse-breeding question was taken up by the Irish Government, who brought the matter before the British Government.

The motion was adopted.

CORK RESOLUTION

Mr. Hamilton Coffey proposed, and Mr. S. Haynes seconded, a resolution submitted by the Cork Board asking that representations be made to the Free State Trade Commissioners in London with a view to obtaining a concession in the form of free entry into Great Britain of small quantities of fish sent as presents from the Free State.

It may be represented, stated the resolution, that in the case of salmon only one fish is sent to an individual recipient, that it is not a commercial transaction, and that the inconvenience is caused almost entirely to British visitors. It is impossible to know how much the duty will be when the fish or game is despatched, and no machinery exists for prepaying it. The conference has good reason for believing that this difficulty has been the cause of preventing British sportsmen from returning to the country after a first visit.

Mr. S. Haynes said that persons coming into the country for the fishing season found it impossible to send fish which they had caught to their friends on the other side, and this was the cause of many fishings not being let. Something should be done to do away with the red tape in connection with the sending of fish parcels to England by visitors who wanted to make presents to their friends.

The motion was adopted.

The Lismore Board submitted a motion protesting against the River Blackwater being polluted by the sugar factory throughout the spawning season.

Mr. Woodnutt said that his Board had taken action against the railway company in a similar case of pollution, and had obtained heavy compensation.

The Secretary (Mr. Newcombe) said that it was within the powers of the Lismore Board to deal with cases of pollution.

The resolution was withdrawn.

Captain George Hewson, Sligo, presided, and there were also present:—Messrs. Thomas Stevenson, Sligo; Mrs. Sheila O'Neill, Kenmare; Francis Dennis, Drogheda; Albert Woodnutt, Dublin; F. F. Scott, Sligo; Hugh D. Pack Beresford, Dublin; C. W. Grove-White, Dublin; James W. Butler, Waterville; H. Coffey, Wexford; F. H. ffrench Davis, Dublin; Captain R. Law, Drogheda; the Rev. C. Cunningham, P.P., Connemara; J. W. Mongan, T.D., Connemara; S. Haynes, Cork; and R. W. Hall-Dare, Wexford.

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DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT

WEDNESDAY.

Barometer, at 6 p.m.—29.50.
Wind and Weather—Westerly winds; cloudy and cold, with rain and sleet.
Foreign Arrivals—City of Dublin, from Antwerp, via Waterford, with general cargo.
Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Munster, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Slieve More, from Holyhead, with goods; Fastnet, from Glasgow, with goods; Assaroe, from Silloth, with goods; St. Moda, from Glasgow, with wheat; Glencree, from Ardrossan, with coals; Amy Summerfield, Privet, from Birkenhead, with coals; Turgeoise, from Ayr, with coals; Briarfield, from Actongrange, with coals; Cortees, from Garston, with coals; Malachite, from Newport, with coals; Slieve Bawn, from Holyhead, light.

Mr. Kenneth Povey, M.A., Librarian of Queen's University, Belfast, has been appointed Librarian of Liverpool University. He is a native of Leek, Staffordshire, and prior to taking up the position at Queen's University was Sub-librarian of the Durham University. He was appointed to Queen's University in 1930.

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NEWBLISS, Wednesday.

James Caughey, postman, Newtownbutler, Co. Fermanagh, had a remarkable escape from serious injury when he was dragged along the road for a mile to-day. He is suffering from shock and injuries to his head and leg. Using his pony and trap to convey the heavy Christmas mail, Caughey was feeding the animal in a yard when it took fright and bolted. The pony charged through a double yard gate, which was smashed to pieces, and galloped across the border towards Clones. Caughey's foot was caught in the trap, and he was dragged, head downwards, on the frozen road. The pony escaped all attempts to stop it and dashed into the town of Clones, a mile and a half away, where it crashed into the railway gates at a level crossing. It was then captured by Civic Guards and others. Caughey was picked up half a mile from Clones. The mails were found to be intact.

AMATEUR THEATRE MOVEMENT

On Sunday evening next the Playgoers' Circle will hold the third Symposium of the current season at the Gate Theatre. The subject for discussion will be "The Amateur Theatre Movement," and it will be introduced by Lynn Doyle and Laurence Elvan. The proceedings will be open to members and to the general public.

"An occasional drop of gin" is the secret of how Mme. van Hoorebeek, of Ostend, has reached the age of 104. She also advocates "early to bed, early to rise, and plenty of exercise." Mme. van Hoorebeek married a farmer when she was twenty, and had seven children, three of whom are still living. Her one ambition is to become the oldest woman in Belgium, a distinction which would earn her a visit from King Leopold.

A private garage and a motor car at a house in Cavendish street, Belfast, were destroyed by fire at four o'clock yesterday morning. The fire brigade prevented the dwellinghouse from becoming involved.

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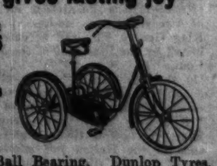

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Nearly 1,200 nurses will be benefited if a scheme, approved by the Manchester Public Health Committee on Tuesday, is adopted by the Manchester City Council. The committee have recommended a 48-hour working week in municipal institutions and also suggested separate bedrooms. Apart from 1,000 regular nurses, the scheme will necessitate 200 extra nurses being engaged.

IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Toys and their Manipulators : Books for Christmas : These "Responsible" Governments : "Them Wor the Days" : Litter

This Litterary City

I am sorry that the Corporation has postponed its discussion of the proposed "anti-litter" by-laws. Heaven knows, our little lives are rounded with a fair number of rules and regulations already, but these by-laws would be a great deal more useful than most.

Sometimes I think that the outstanding difference between our city and foreign capitals lies in the untidiness of the one and the cleanliness of the others. Not long ago a foreign acquaintance of mine wanted to take a photograph of O'Connell street, including the Pillar. I found him what seemed to me a nice viewpoint.

"But," said he, "look at all that rubbish in the foreground. It would spoil my picture."

And so it would. I myself would probably have taken the picture there and then, being too familiar with the rubbish that lines the city's kerbs to notice an odd heap of it. But, whenever I leave this green isle of ours for a sojourn abroad I never fail, for days after my return, to notice the tangled mass of tram tickets, cigarette cartons, match boxes, hand-out bills, paper bags, orange peel, vegetable refuse, and wisps of hay that conceal our pavements and choke our gutters.

The man who first described Dublin as a litterary city made a lamentable pun, but he told the truth. And I hope the Corporation will do something about those by-laws with all possible speed.

Books for the Burning

I notice, somewhat belatedly, that my friend, Mr. Erskine Childers, has been drawing our attention to the wide variety of Irish products available for Christmas presents. What took my especial fancy was his statement that

> "there are numbers of books published by Irish authors, and a considerable number printed in Ireland. If more people in this country gave such books as presents there would be more temptation for some of the authors to remain in this country."

May I suggest, with all possible respect, that, while there are certainly numbers of books published by Irish authors, most of the best of them are banned?

While on the subject it occurs to me to ask whether a single book published in Ireland has appeared in the list of proscribed publications? And, if not, is the fact to be ascribed to the superior delicacy of our home publishers, or is it a subtle attempt to provide a concealed tariff?

To the Rescue

I went up to the Hell Fire Club the other afternoon to watch the winter sports. On the lower reaches of the hills it seemed probable that the winter sports would consist of futile attempts to ski on a blend of wet snow and mud, in which the snow predominated; but where the Military road begins the snow lay as deep and crisp and even as anybody could desire. It lay so deep and crisp and even that there were nearly a dozen motor-cars immobilised.

And there I saw a curious manifestation. Men, some of them in shirt sleeves, were working like Italian road-makers in Abyssinia to free the cars—men who would sneer at home when their wives asked them to weed the garden. The spirit of unity in an emergency was almost stifling. They would all fasten upon one particular vehicle, and, with reassuring cries to the driver, they would push and pull, and sink up to the knees in snow.

There was no apparent limit to their capacity for labour. No sooner had they lifted bodily a large saloon, and turned its bonnet down the hill to civilisation, than they would fly at another and heavier saloon, and manhandle it.

I suppose that they welcomed the adventure. They imagined themselves—but very privately—hauling yaks out of drifts on Mount Everest, and succouring the exhausted comrade overcome with snow-blindness. They were extremely efficient.

High-Political Interlude

Doubtless, I have no right to rush in where so many learned leader-writers fear to tread. But I have been strangely impressed by these successive "incidents" and apologies in the Far East, which make it increasingly clear that the Japanese Government refuses to be held responsible for the actions of the Mikado's warriors on the Chinese front.

Is it fancy, or do I recall that on previous occasions, when a Chinese mob beat up a few Japanese, and Chiang Kai-shek's Government disclaimed responsibility, the invariable Japanese retort was that a Government which could not be held responsible for the conduct of its subjects was no Government at all. And then the legions push 3 a few hundred miles further into China.

Where Do They Learn?

A friend of mine has returned from a Christmas tour of the London shops; and he is much concerned to find the explanation of a certain phenomenon that he saw there. In many of the larger emporiums assistants were demonstrating mechanical toys. One was selling model aeroplanes that were shot from a kind of catapult. The aeroplane described a perfect circle, and returned accurately to the assistant's hand.

During this apparently unending performance the assistant kept a running sales talk, to such excellent effect that my friend bought one of these aeroplanes for his son. They still are trying to return the aeroplane to their hand.

In other places cardboard plates were being spun on sticks; rubber balls attached to wooden racquets with elastic were being made to perform nearly incredible evolutions, and models of Mr. Walt Disney's Pluto made supremely dog-like gestures when manœuvred with strings. My friend bought them all, and after a week neither he nor his son has learned the knack of working any of them.

Now where do the assistants learn their skill? Are they practising throughout the late summer in preparation for Christmas, and do they get paid extra for their labours? Finally, do any of them fail to master their particular task, and are they discharged if they do?

"Them Wor the Days"

While travelling into town by tramcar yesterday morning, I was amused at the views exchanged about things in general between two elderly Dubliners.

The Government, as might be expected, came in for a good deal of frank criticism, particularly the recent order that no postal deliveries will take place on Christmas Day or St. Stephen's Day this year. "It's outrageous, so it is, that people can't get their letters the same as they always used to." This view was supported by the speaker's friend, who commented on the fact that the new regulations "prevented many a man earning a few shillings."

One of the cronies happened to catch sight of a number of men engaged in cutting off a corner of a road which had been somewhat of a nuisance to motorists. "Do you see that," the man said, "bedad everything is being done for the motorists; you can't have a few feet of garden but it's cut away to plaise the motorists. Oh, it didn't matter at all, at all, years ago about the poor ould horses. The roads weren't tore up and new ones put down for them; it was of no consequence that their insides, not to spake of yours or mine, were nearly shook out of us with the stones in the roads—Oh, no."

There was a lull in the conversation for a few moments, until one of the men commented on the weather: "Sure, man alive, it's not weather at all we're getting, so it's not; although, mind you, I remember when we had the canal froze for six weeks, and one poor man fell into the canal where the ice was a bit thin, and it's six weeks it was before he was found." "Well, I don't think," said the other man, "that the world or the weather is improvin'." "An' faith and it's not; you never said a truer word. The old days—them wor the times."

Darkness Over Clontarf

One of my colleagues, who lives in the region of Clontarf, rang me up the night before last, in a state of acute distress.

He told me that he was telephoning in the dark. "This," said he, "is the third time to-day that the light has failed, and I am getting thoroughly fed up about it. Can't you do anything?"

I assured him that I was not a member of the inner councils of the E.S.B., and could do nothing more than record his grievance in this column. Apparently, the trouble was not confined to his house, but extended over the entire area, and each black-out lasted for something between half-an-hour and an hour.

QUIDNUNC.

THE ALEXANDRA SCHOOL

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

ARCHBISHOP'S PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION

A PLEA for co-operation between parents and the school was made by the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Gregg, yesterday afternoon at the annual distribution of prizes to pupils of the Alexandra School, Dublin.

Referring to the report by the Headmistress, Miss Christine Bewley, B.A., Dr. Gregg said that she had given some very good advice to parents. The advice was to a very large extent that parents must co-operate with the school, just as their children must. Sometimes parents were a help and sometimes they were a difficulty. He thought it extremely interesting to hear Miss Bewley say that she welcomed inquiries, and liked to see the parents display an interest in the school. He strongly advised the parents, if they felt any difficulties about their children, to make Miss Bewley their *confidante* in the matter. It very often happened that parents did not understand exactly what their child was doing, what she was aiming at, and often childhood's difficulties were not so well understood by the parents as by their teacher. He hoped that they would not hesitate to accept Miss Bewley's invitation.

VOCATIONAL STUDY

As one connected with the management of that school, he was concerned with what the pupils were learning and what they were doing. The great difficulty was that they had to consider not only what was the best thing for the pupils to know, but also to consider what vocation they intended to follow. That was what was called vocational study. They had to consider not only what was best for the pupils' minds and the opening up of their faculties, but also what would be best for them in the businesses they intended to follow.

They could not take up a newspaper to-day without finding quarrels between employers and workers. Nowadays men quarrelled with the people who employed them on very small pretexts, whereas it was very different in days gone by when people put their very best into their work, because it was not merely their employer's work, but the work to which God had called them.

He was really delighted to see the happiness that seemed to prevail in that school, and to see how many of them received as prizes books that were worthy to be called classics. He congratulated them on the results of the term's work, and he congratulated Miss Blake and her staff on the very favourable report received.

HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT

Miss Christine Bewley, B.A., the Headmistress, in her tenth annual report, said that the greatest barrier in the way of education was the necessity of educating public opinion—not excluding educational authorities. As one illustration of the misconceptions that existed, she mentioned the case of a mother who wrote to her saying that she could not be sure that it was right for her child to be so happy in school—(laughter)—because it did not seem to suggest hard work. "She has been converted since," said Miss Bewley, "but the worse a tradition is, the more life it sometimes seems to possess."

The ideal parent from the school point of view, Miss Bewley declared, was one who said: "I am satisfied from the inquiries that I have made that the school is properly organised, staffed and equipped. I know that your staff have been trained for their job and probably know a good deal more about education than I do. I guarantee to be loyal to the school, not to criticise teachers or the syllabus before my child; not to attempt to supplement what may appear to me to be deficiencies in her education, and not to help her with her homework unduly—(laughter)—and I will come straight to headquarters if I seem to have any grievance." (Applause.)

This term she had invited the mothers of the children in one junior school form to an open day, and they were given some explanation of the methods being used. Everyone accepted the invitation and showed a keen interest in the work and in the educational principles involved.

MANY SUCCESSES

Miss Bewley proceeded to read an analysis of the school successes for the past year, which, she said, had been well up to average.

At the examinations for entrance scholarships into Alexandra College Cecily Nevill gained first place, and was awarded the Governess Association Scholarship of £42; Eleanor Bloomer and Nella Hipwell won the two Stearne Scholarships of £20 each, and June Radcliffe and Pamela Purser the two Wilson Suffern Scholarships of £15 each.

At the intermediate certificate examinations, honours certificates were gained by Cecily Nevill, with honours in English, French, History and Geography, Mathematics and Science; June Radcliffe, with honours in English, History and Geography, Mathematics and Drawing; Iris Douglas, with honours in English, History and Geography and Science, and pass certificates by:—Joan Buchanan, with honours in English and Science; Merle Hanna, with honours in English and drawing; Nella Hipwell, with honours in English and drawing; Hilda Whelan, with honours in English and French.

Sixty-eight candidates entered for the Synod examinations in religious knowledge in the middle and junior grades. Of these seventeen obtained first class prizes, twenty-three second class prizes, six third class prizes, and nineteen passed.

In the Royal Drawing Society's examinations, out of 96 entries, 71 gained honours certificates and 24 pass certificates. Barbara Tobias received special mention.

Seven pupils were entered for the examinations of the Associated Board in pianoforte, and all passed, two with honourable mention and one with distinction. Their junior and senior singing classes were examined as usual by the Department of Education, and both choirs were placed in the first class, the junior choir with 90 per cent. and the senior choir with 92 per cent.

The trophies to be presented that afternoon represented for the most part inter-form competitions. The Culwick Memorial Shield, for competition between form choirs, chosen, conducted and accompanied by the girls themselves, was awarded by Mr. Percy Whitehead to the Upper V. after a close contest.

TEACHERS PRAISED

Miss Bewley paid a warm tribute to the work of Miss Haythornthwaite in arousing a love and understanding of music in the school. They were indebted to Miss Vickery, the senior music mistress, for prizes for a competition in sight-reading pianoforte, and to Miss Munro for a cup for a Eurhythmic competition among the juniors. Miss Haythornthwaite herself had presented a cup for an inter-form competition in sight singing.

In addition to the present sports trophies, next year they would have a cup recently presented to the school for an inter-form hockey competition by the Old Girls of 1935.

The school also held the cup for junior pipers won at the Dublin Feis by their junior pipe band, trained by Miss Haythornthwaite, and the Colemore Diving Cup.

In conclusion, Miss Bewley thanked the parents of the pupils for their generous help towards the purchase of a wireless set for the school.

"Last of all," she said, "I want to thank the girls for all the help they give in school and out of it, and for their fine public spirit." (Applause.)

Miss Lois Davidson presented Miss Bewley with a bouquet at the conclusion of her report.

Among those present were:—The Ven. A. J. Johnston, B.D., Archdeacon of Glendalough; the Consul-General for America and Mrs. Balch, the Consul-General for Poland and Mme. Dobrzynski; Professor and Mme. Starkie, Mrs. Duff Moore, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Boxwell, Miss Jellett, Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson Stoney, Mrs. Verschoyle, the Rev. R. J. Gwynn and Mrs. Gwynn, Lady Shaw and the Misses Shaw, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. C. Leeper, Mrs. Poole and Miss L. Gwynn.

ON THE WIRELESS

RADIO ATHLONE: "Cork To-Night," 8.5.

B.B.C. NATIONAL: Circus Acts in Training, 7.35.

LONDON REGIONAL: Oratorio, "Messiah" (Handel), 7.30.

HILVERSUM NO. 2: Symphony Concert, 7.55.

WARSAW: Szymanowski Concert, 9.0.

ROME: Opera, "L'Africaine," 8.0.

VIENNA: Light Music, 9.30.

COLOGNE: Mozart and Beethoven, 7.0.

THE glorious aria, "O Paradiso," with Beniamino Gigli singing it in the part of Vasco da Gama, alone makes the broadcast at 8 o'clock to-night of Meyerbeer's opera, "L'Africaine," the most notable event in the day's programme. Although, of this composer's eighteen operas, many consider the now seldom-performed "Huguenots" as being musically his greatest work. Meyerbeer himself regarded to-night's opera as his masterpiece, and spent twenty years of his life on its composition. "L'Africaine" was actually being prepared for presentation when he died at Paris on May 2, 1864, the day after he had seen the last notes of the score copied out, and its first production in the following year was a posthumous one. The work itself offers much splendid and characteristically grandiloquent music, and many great tenors of the past, including the two De Reszkes, have fully availed of the opportunities afforded by its chief rôle—that of Vasco da Gama. The son of a rich German banker named Beer, Giacomo Meyerbeer was born at Berlin on September 5, 1794, and studied music under Lauska and B. A. Weber, learning composition from the Abbé Vogler. Going to Italy, he was inspired by the brilliant example of Rossini, and while there had his first successful operas produced, the best of them being probably "Crociato," which had its first presentation in 1825.

But it was at the Opera at Paris where he settled in the following year that he achieved his greatest triumphs, the first performance, in 1831, of the brilliant and fanciful "Robert le Diable" evoking almost delirious enthusiasm, a success which one suspects won, a few years later, for Meyerbeer the office of General Musical Director to the King of Prussia, an appointment which he held until the end of his days.

Those who tune-in to Hilversum No. 2 to hear to-night's Symphony Concert will discover with regret that famous personage in the musical word, Dr. Wilhelm Mengelberg, will be absent from his usual place at the conductor's stand in the great Concertgebouw at Amsterdam, having met with an accident at a recent rehearsal. A deputy composer will take his place, and an attractive programme, consisting of a Mozart Symphony, two duets from Hindemith's "Mathias, the Painter," and a selection from "Lohengrin," will be performed.

Following on the Memorial Concert of Albert Roussel's music from B.B.C. National on Tuesday night last, yet another composer whose death took place this year will be honoured in the current week's programmes, when a concert will be given from Warsaw to-night of Szymanowski's music at 9 o'clock. Karol Szymanowski, who died last March at the age of fifty-four, was regarded for the greater part of his life as the foremost representative of Polish music, and there is a strongly-marked national element present in all his music. He was fortunate in his youth in having his compositions taken up with enthusiasm by young concert performers throughout Europe, who made his name known far beyond the Polish frontiers.

Cork will provide entertainment for an hour and a half from 7 o'clock onward in to-night's Radio Athlone programme, when a revue, in nine such scenes as "Glanmire Terminus," "The Opera House," "Patrick Street" and "Arcadia Ballroom," will be presented.

Miss Dilys Seymour, who will sing in to-night's revue, "Cork To-Night," from Radio Athlone.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES

RADIO ATHLONE—DUBLIN, 223 Metres (1,348 Kc.) (1 Kw.); ATHLONE, 531 Metres (565 Kc.) (100 Kw.); and CORK, 242 Metres (1,240 Kc.) (1 Kw.)

1.30-3.0—Gramophone Concert.
5.30—Five-day Serial for Children: "Tir na Deo," adapted by Mairead Ni Ghrads. Episode No. 3.
5.45—Choral and Orchestral Concert relayed from Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, Orchestra: Fuinn Ghaodalachta (Moore's Melodies); Trachtas, An Scoil s' agraisn-ne, Orchestra: Air a danser (Gossec). Amhran: An londubh agus an ceitsearch. Orchestra: Menuett (Mozart); Violin Solo: Hungarian Dance. (Brahms). Aithristeoireacht. Amhran: An madairin ruadh. Instrumental Trio: Serenade (Schubert). Amhran Solo: Maire Ni Ghadhra. Violin Solo: Souvenir (Drdla). Fuireann coir: An druchi ceoldh. Orchestra, with Vocal Chorus: Christmas Overture, Stille Nacht (Gruber).
6.35—Sgathan na nGaedheal.
6.45—To-day's News.
7. 0—"Cork To-night." An All-in Programme from the Southern Capital, presented by Cusex, in nine scenes: Glanmire Terminus, the Opera House, Patrick street, the Courthouse, An Scoruidheacht, the Little Theatre, the Club, Arcadia Ballroom. Trio—Nora O'Callaghan (soprano), Christy Sheehan (baritone), Dilys Seymour (contralto), with Anthony Moffitt (piano): Clouds across the Moon (Moffitt), I beg of you this hour (do.); Sing, command (do.). John J. Horgan: Our Musical and Literary Tradition. James and John in Humour at the Piano. H. P. F. Donegan: A Yachtsman's Paradise. Tim O'Donoghue, M.A.: Musings of a County Councillor. Scoruidheacht, with University Choral Society; Sean Carteir (ambran), Geraldine Keeson (piano), Seamus O Maithghamhna (fiddle) (compered and produced by Sean Neeson). The Cork Little Theatre in "The Peering of Things" (first production), a new comedy-drama of the present. Richard Wallace: The Story of the Lee. Pat Crowley and Band from Arcadia Ballroom: Ceilidhe, Modern and Old-time Dance Music, with the Corkman who came back, the Dubliner (Derry Fagan), the Jarvey (Charles Archer).
9.30—Sponsored Programme.
10.30—William Norton, T.D.: Christmas for the Postal Worker.
10.35—To-night's News.

NORTHERN IRELAND—307.1 Metres (977 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6. 0—Don Wilson's Grancent Light Orchestra, directed by Fred Wilkinson, from the Grand Central Hotel, Belfast.
6.40—Regional.
7.30—The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra, Graham Craig (tenor).
8.20—"The White Cockatoo," from "The Irish R.M. and his Experiences," by Somerville and Ross. Read by Denis Johnston.
8.40—A Hymn Recital from the Parish Church, Ballymoney.
9. 0—The Harp Trio, Muriel Childe (contralto).
9.45—"In the Steps of St. Columba," the Very Rev. E. G. S. King, Dean of Derry.
10. 0-12. 0—Regional.

NATIONAL—1,500 Metres (200 Kc.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Time, Weather.
10.45—At Home To-day.
11. 5—Rhythm Classics.
11.30—Gramophone.
12.15—The Trocadero Cinema Orchestra.
1. 0—Gramophone (Musical Comedy).
1.45—The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra, Monte Rey (tenor).
2.50—Things I Cannot Explain: "Capetown Miracles." Frank Worthington.
3. 5—Gramophone.
3.15—The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. Solo pianoforte, Poulshnoff, from the Pavilion Bournemouth.
4.45—Tea-Time Talk: "Making the Most of Your Look"—3. "Care of the Hair," Mary Embrey.
5. 0—The Dansant: Join us this afternoon by Radio in another of our weekly The Dansants Dancing this afternoon to Joe Loss and his Band.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.20—It Occurs to Me, Lord Elton.
6.40—The B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra.
7.30—Circus Acts in Training: Mrocskowski puts the Liberty Horses through their paces. With a description by F. H. Grisewood, from Bertram Mills's Winter Quarters at Ascot.
7.50—"Playing the Game": A Farcical Extravaganza with music.
8.40—Men Talking.
9. 0—Time, News, Weather and Forecast for Shipping.
9.20—"To Dancing": A programme of very light music.
10. 0—A Short Mid-Week Service, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Elliott. Organist, Reginald Grey-Custard, from St. Michael's, Chester Square.
10.20—Domenico Scarlatti—3. Harpsichord Sonatas, played by Alice Ehlers.
10.40—Poetry Will Out: Studies in National Inspiration and Characteristic Forms, No. 4. Dante—Cesar Foligno Serena Professor of Italian at Oxford.
11. 0—Maurice Winnick and his Orchestra, from the Piccadilly Hotel.
11.30-12.0—Gramophone (Dance Music).

REGIONAL—342.1 Metres (877 Kc.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Time Signal (Greenwich) at 10.30.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra.
11.30—Harold Ramsay as the Organ of the Union Cinema, Kingston-on-Thames.
12. 0—The Celebrity Trio.
12.20—A Ballad Concert. Ena Gluck (soprano) and Burton Harper (bass-baritone).
1. 0—"I Was There": The Siege of Lucknow, 1857: A. P. Dashwood.
1.20—An Organ Recital by Reginald West, from the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick, Armagh.
2. 0—Gramophone (Dance Music).
2.30—A Light Classical Concert. Alec John (tenor) and the Norbert Wethmar Trio.
3.15—The Central Band of His Majesty's Royal Air Force Conducted by Squadron-Leader R. P. O'Donnell, M.V.O., Director of Music Royal Air Force. From the Royal Air Force Headquarters, Uxbridge.
4.15—The Hotel Victoria Orchestra. Leader—A Spiero. From the Hotel Victoria, London.
5. 0—Children's Hour.
6. 0—The Gershom Parkington Quintet.
6.40—Wyndham Lewis at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.
7. 0—Time, News, Weather.
7.30—"Messiah." The oratorio by Handel. The North Staffs District Choral Society and the City of Birmingham Orchestra, conducted by John James, from the Victoria Hall, Hanley. Part I.
8.55—Interval.
9. 5—"Messiah," Part 2.
10. 0—Time, News, Weather, Sport, Topical Talks.
10.25—Maurice Winnick and his Orchestra, from the Piccadilly Hotel.
11.30—Time, News, Weather.
11.40-12.0—A Recital by Astra Desmond (contralto).

MIDLAND—296.2 Metres (1,013 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6.40—"For Midland Farmers." "Christmas Beef": W. A. Stewart.
7. 0-12.0—Regional.

NORTH—449.1 Metres (668 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
12.30—A Ballad Concert: Robert Dixon (baritone). Elisabeth Manners (soprano), Thomas Mallford (pianoforte).
1. 0—Regional.
7.30—A Recital by Hubert Dunkerley (baritone).
8. 0—"The Ring of Words." An Anthology of Recorded Speech, collected and described by J. M. D. Pringle.
8.30—Music for Christmas. A Programme of Rounds, Folk Songs and Carols; sung by the Northumbrian Singers. Conductor, T. H. Morris.
9. 0—Horace Finch at the Organ of the Empress Ballroom, Blackpool.
9.30—"Part Singing."—5—"Loading and Unloading." Arranged and presented by Victor Smythe.
9.45—"Children Ill and Well." "The Boy who was Bullied."
10. 0-12.0—Regional.

WEST—285.7 Metres (1,050 Kc.).

10.45—National.
6. 0—Gramophone ("Musical Showmen," Jerome Kern).
6.25—"For Young Farmers." "Milk Production." Margaret Knight and J. W. Edgell.
6.40—Regional.
8.35—A Pianoforte Recital by Winifred Davey.
8.15—"The Elephant" (an Anthology).
10. 0—Regional.
10.25—Close down.

WALES—373.1 Metres (804 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6.40—"Anglo-Welsh Authors, 1937" (Gwyn Jones).
7. 0—Regional.
7.45—An Orchestral Concert from the National Museum of Wales (Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre), Parry Jones (tenor), Robert Edwards (pianoforte), the B.B.C. Welsh Orchestra.
9. 5-12.0—Regional.

SCOTTISH—391.1 Metres (767 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
3.30—Mid-week Service, conducted by the Rev. Hector Macpherson, Ph.D., Guthrie Memorial Church, Edinburgh.
4. 0—Regional.
5. 0—"Fiddling and Piping," Donald Main.
6.20—For Scottish Farmers: "Cattle-breeding in the Highlands," a discussion between Lord Rowallan, M.C., and Joseph F. Duncan.
6.40—Regional.
7.30—The Dundee Orchestral Concert Society, Orchestral Concert (leader, Henri Temianka) (conductor, Georg Szell, from the Caird Hall, Dundee).
8.30—In Gaelic—The Most Hon. the Marquis of Graham.
8.45—Glasgow's Own, Second Edition (Variety artists making their first appearance before the microphone).
9. 5-12.0—Regional.

ON THE CONTINENT

BERLIN (D) (1,571 Metres).—8.15-9.0 p.m.—Haydn and Richard Strauss Music by the Station Orchestra.

BRUSSELS I (483.9 Metres).—9.15-10.0 p.m.—Orchestral Concert of Light American Music, with Negro Spirituals.

COLOGNE (455.9 Metres).—7.0-9.0 p.m.—Mozart and Beethoven Concert, with Readings from the Music History of their day.

HAMBURG (331.0 Metres).—9.10-7.0 p.m.—Mozart and Schubert Music by the Station Orchestra and Horn Soloist.

HILVERSUM 2 (301.5 Metres).—7.55-10.25 p.m.—Symphony Concert by the Concertgebouw Orchestra and Soloists, conducted by Paul Hindemith and Dr. Mengelbe.

MUNICH (405.4 Metres).—6.10-9.0 p.m.—Concert of Old and New Operetta Music.

RADIO PARIS (1,648 Metres).—8.30-10.30 p.m.—Concert by the National Orchestra, with Violin, Piano and Cello Soloists. Conductor: Ingelbrecht.

ROME (420.8 Metres).—8.0 p.m.—"L'Africaine," opera (Meyerbeer), relayed from the Opera House. Conductor: Serafin.

STRASBOURG (349.2 Metres).—8.30 (approx.) p.m.—"Werther," opera (Massenet), from the Opera-Comique, Paris.

TO-MORROW

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1.30-3.0—Gramophone Concert.
5.30—Five-Day Serial for Children. "Tir na Deo," adapted by Mairead Ni Ghrada—Episode No. 4.
5.45—Colmcille Ceilidhe Trio—Irish Dance Music.
6. 5—Preparing Fowl for Christmas—A Talk for Women by Dora Crawford.
6.20—Accordeon Solos by Terry Lane: Trip to the Cottage, Cook in the Kitchen, Haste to the Wedding, Glee Horned Sheep (4), Flowers of Spring, Showman's Fancy, Dun Laoghaire, Cuckoo (Hornpipes), Green Mountain, Miss Monaghan, Sheehan's (Reels), Humours of Bandon (Set Dance).
6.35—Sgathan na nGaedheal.
6.45—To-day's News.
7. 0—Finland European Concert—Municipal Orchestra of Helsingsfors, under the direction of M. Toivo Haapanen. Symphony No. III. in C Major, Op. 52 (Sibelius): I., Allegro moderato; II., Andantino con moto, quasi allegretto; III., Moderato-Allegro.
7.30—Review of Recent Poetry by Austin Clarke.
7.45—Irish Radio Orchestra and Walter Beckett piano Orchestra: Hansel and Gretel Ov. (Humperdinck). Walter Beckett: Scherzo No. 1 in B minor (Chopin) Le Danse de Puck (Debussy). Orchestra: Pinafore Scln. (Sullivan).
8.15—King's Inn—A Radio Illustration by John Brennan.
8.45—Thomas O'Brien (Tenor) and Chrissie Manning (Soprano) in Musical Comedy Duets. Duet: For my Friend (from Toni) (H. Hirsch. Soprano Solo: The Waltz Song (from "The Last Waltz") (Strauss). Duet: Love, Come Back to Me (Romberg). Tenor Solo: Marianna. ("The Lady of the Rose"). Duet: Deep in My Heart ("Student Prince") (Romberg).
9. 0—"Listening to Orchestral Music"—"The Next Symphony Concert." Talk by Josephine MacNeill.
9.10—The Foreign Situation, by Violet Conolly.
9.30—Sponsored Programme.
10.30—To-night's News. Programme concluded by Light Music.

NORTHERN IRELAND—307.1 Metres (977 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6.40—"Is Agricultural Education a Failure?" A discussion between J. W. Getty, Chief Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Rev. R. J. McIlmoyle.
7. 0—Regional.
7.50—"Made in Ulster": "Aerated Waters." George C. Nash.
7.45—The Belfast Philharmonic Society's Concert from the Ulster Hall, Belfast. Part I. (Christmas Portion) of Handel's oratorio "Messiah." Elsie Suddaby (soprano), Mary Jarred (contralto), James Johnston (tenor), Norman Walker (bass), the Belfast Philharmonic Society's Chorus and Orchestra.
9. 0-12.0—Regional.

NATIONAL—1,500 Metres (200 Kc.).

10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather.
10.45—"Before They Go to School"—"Sleep, Rest, and Exercise," by a Doctor.
11. 0—The Wessex Players.
11.45—An Organ Recital by George A. Armstrong, from the Town Hall, Manchester.
12.30—Henry Hall and his Dance Orchestra.
1.15—Friday Midday Concert, under the direction of Johan Hock, from Queen's College Chambers Lecture Hall, Birmingham; the Birmingham Philharmonic String Orchestra. Edward Silverman (violin).
2. 0—Singing Carols, G. Thalben-Ball and Temple Choirboys.
2.20—The Little Orchestra, directed by Jack Hardy.
3.45—Gramophone (Playbills, 1937).
3.40—"The White Cockatoo," from "The Irish R.M. and his Experiences," by Somerville and Ross. Read by Denis Johnston.
4. 0—Gramophone Records. The History of Jazz, by Leonard Hibbs. 11.—"Black Jazz Again."
4.30—"Marry the Girl," by Arthur Miller and George Arthurs. The court room scene of this Tom Walls-Ralph Lynn farce adapted as a musical comedy by George Arthurs.
5. 0—The Adolph Hallis Quintet.
5.30—The Barrington Quartet: Vera Siddons (soprano), Gladys Palmer (contralto), John Turner (tenor), George Plaxy (bass). ("The Philosopher and the Lady," by Basthose Martin.)
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.25—Music and the ordinary listener. "Some Characteristics of Chamber Music"—3. Thomas F. Dunhill.

ON THE CONTINENT

BERLIN (D) (1,571 M.).—7.0-9.0 p.m.—"Der Wildschütz," Opera (Lorning), on Records.

BEROMUNSTER (539.6 M.).—8.45-9.25 p.m.—Swiss Folk Music by the Radio Orchestra and a Mixed Choir.

HAMBURG (331.0 M.).—8.0-9.0 p.m.—"The Merry-Go-Round"—Variety Records, with Soloists.

KALUNDBORG (1,250 M.).—8.0-8.40 p.m.—Part II. of the Christmas Oratorio (Bach), from Christiansborg Castle Church.

LAHTI (1,807 M.).—7.0-8.0 p.m.—European Concert from Helsinki Conservatoire by the Helsinki Municipal Orchestra, with Songs.

RADIO PARIS (1,648 M.).—11.0 p.m.-12.45 a.m.—Dances: Orchestral Concert, with Jeanne Leiku (piano).

SOTTENS (443.1 M.).—7.30-9.30 p.m.—Symphony No. 9 (Beethoven) by the Romand Orchestra, the Sacred Song Society and Soloists.

STRASBOURG (349.2 M.).—8.30-10.30 p.m.—"La forêt bleue," Opera (Aubert), by the National Orchestra and the Gouverné Choir and Soloists, conducted by Rosenthal.

VIENNA (506.8 M.).—8.0-9.10 p.m.—Sequence of Christmas Carols by the Hallstatt and Bad Ischl Musical Societies and the Ebensee Children's Choir, from Linz.

WARSAW (1,339 M.).—8.15-9.20 p.m.—"Un mari à la porte." Operetta (Offenbach), from Lwów.

HIBERNIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the General Committee was held in the Bible House, 41-42 Dawson street, Dublin, on Tuesday. Present—The Rev. Canon D. H. Hall, B.D. (presiding), the Rev. J. E. Tomlinson, M.A., Mr. W. Houghton Fry, Mr. E. J. Anthony, Mr. W. Boulton Conyngham, Mr. R. H. Ryland, barrister-at-law, and Mr. Richard H. White. An apology for absence was received from Mr. Benjamin Purdy.

The deputation secretary reported that during the month of November twelve sermons had been preached and twenty-nine addresses given. Applications for grants were read and considered, and 3,044 Bibles, Testaments and Portions were granted free, and at reduced prices for prizes, hospitals and colportage work. The issues of the society for the eight months ended November, 1937, amounted to 71,279 Bibles, Testaments and Portions. Donations for the work at home and abroad will be thankfully received at the Bible House, Dawson street, Dublin.

A 12 years' old black and white collie dog was taken into East Ham Police Court yesterday. It sat wagging its tail while its fate was decided. Its owner, Mr. William Edgington, of Burgess road, East Ham, was summoned on an allegation of keeping a ferocious dog. The summons was dismissed on paying £3 3s. costs, and the owner was ordered to keep the dog under proper control.

GOOD TRAINING FOR MAIDS

WORK OF PEMBROKE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

There are maids in Dublin who can cook and sew with taste and skill. Some of their work is on exhibition at the domestic economy department of the Pembroke Technical Schools, Ballsbridge. Yesterday Miss A. Carr, headmistress of the department, showed an *Irish Times* representative some of the work accomplished by these girls. They can cook both plain and fancy dishes, and a table spread with the fruits of their industry was most inviting. Articles that they have sewed and laundered also were on view, and they looked very satisfactory.

The maids' section is only a small part of the domestic economy department at Ballsbridge, where the exhibition of students' work, which was opened yesterday, will be continued until 9 o'clock this evening.

Miss Carr explained that the maids' classes were started five or six years ago with a small number of students. Now there are 150, all girls of a very good type. Some of them have been attending the classes for four years. There are four separate cooking courses for maids, the final stage being instruction in more advanced supper dishes, hot and cold sweets, etc. The maids' work on exhibition at present, appropriately for this time of the year, includes Christmas cakes and plum puddings.

Another interesting section is the work of the pre-employment classes for girls of 14 years leaving national schools. This is a full-time course, requiring the attendance of the students every morning and afternoon. A great proportion of the time is given to sewing, but one day of the week is devoted to cookery, and there is also training in household management, laundry work and commercial instruction. This is a new venture, which was started last September.

In the advanced cookery section a wonderful display of food is on view. It includes sweets, salads *hors d'œuvres* dishes, cakes, in breath-taking profusion. Near by there are nicely-set tables and trays, showing that the instruction does not end with the kitchen. Articles of silver, cleaned in one of the classes, also are shown.

The rooms devoted to the work of the day and evening classes in housewifery are beyond the descriptive powers of a masculine representative. There are cushions, workboxes, lamp shades, trays, wickerwork, stools, eiderdowns and all sorts of articles. There are embroidery and art needlework, which come under the heading of "art," not "domestic economy." Finally there are the needlework and dressmaking day and evening classes. There are children's frocks, dressing jackets and gowns, coats for children and adults, evening frocks, jumpers and lingerie.

ZENANA MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS MARKET

A Christmas Market in aid of the Zenana Missionary Society was held yesterday at the C.M.S. Hall, Molesworth street, Dublin, under the aegis of the Hibernian Auxiliary of the Society. The sale was declared open by the Rev. R. H. Bodel. The principal officials were Miss Farran, hon. secretary; Mrs. Orpen (cake stall), Mrs. Poole (household goods and sweets), Miss Tisdall (work stall), Miss Eccles (white elephant), Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Beere (country produce), Miss Darley and the Girls' Auxiliary had charge of the luncheons and teas.

THE PILGRIM PLAYERS

"THE CELEBRITY"

In their performance of Jerome K. Jerome's comedy, "The Celebrity," in the Father Mathew Hall, Dublin, last night, "The Pilgrim Players" showed a lot of dramatic talent. The play is one which lends itself to interpretation by amateurs, and the Pilgrim Players entered into its spirit with great thoroughness. This, no doubt, is largely due to the work of the producer, Mr. Sydney Russell. The scenery and staging alike were very creditable, and most of the parts had been suitably cast. A certain amount of nervousness was noticeable among those who opened the comedy, and many of their words were indistinct, but they gained confidence later, and the performance altogether showed what the company can do with more training. Brendan Corry was quite natural as the celebrated John Parable, while Tom Delaney was good as his friend, Archibald Quincey. Mollie Griffin as the militant Miss Bullstrode showed ability. Alice McLean took the part

THE HOUSING PATCHWORK

LOCAL BODIES' LIMITATION

ELASTICITY OF BUILDING SOCIETIES

(II.)

By "ARTIFEX."

HAVING endeavoured by means of facts and figures to demonstrate the financial advantages which the State and the house purchaser would gain from considerable extension of building society enterprise in the Free State, it remains to consider other benefits that would accrue from transferring the promotion of private housing enterprise from a multiplicity of local authorities to a small number of bodies whose specialised functions would be concerned with the construction and finance of dwellings throughout the country.

At present upwards of 100 local authorities, as agents of the Department of Local Government, are responsible for raising capital from which loans may be granted to purchasers in accordance with the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts within a limit of £1,000 for any single house. The same authorities act as intermediaries in supervising the construction of privately financed dwellings which—under the Housing Act of 1932—are entitled to certain State subsidies. The local authorities so concerned vary in magnitude from the Corporation of Dublin to small urban councils with populations of very few thousands. But in all cases—whether the local authority represent hundreds of thousands or merely a few thousands of ratepayers—the supervision of private housing activities is a quite subordinate and "part-time" occupation for local officials, many of whom possess very poor—if any—qualifications for the technical supervision of house construction.

OVERBURDENED

Tacit official recognition of such glaring defects is to be found in the fact that conditions precedent to the approval of any loan or to the issue of any subsidy—however trifling—involve the submission of detailed plans and specifications to the Ministry of Local Government, and to a series of visits by the Department's housing inspectors—who, according to the Minister's recent statement in the Dail, are quite unable to overtake serious arrears of inspection duties. Thus there exists serious duplications of function, lack of effective supervision, sharply varying standards of design and quality of construction, and delays which are frequently exasperating.

For such needlessly complicated local patchwork conditions, which are inseparable from local authority supervision of private building enterprise, it is proposed to substitute the machinery of a few (say, six or eight) State-aided building society organisations, each equipped with staffs of house construction specialists. Sharing in the risks of every loan advanced, the interest of such societies—concerned only with house construction and finance—would make really expert supervision imperative, with the result that the need for detailed departmental inspectors would no longer exist.

CHOICE OF SOCIETIES

Yet, other advantages would ensue. Homeseekers would no longer be at the mercy of many local authorities, who—through lack of interest or want of expert staffs to deal with housing technicalities—now act as dampers on, and deterrents to, private housing enterprise. No longer dependent on the whims of a single purblind local body, the would-be house-builder or purchaser would be in a position to pick-and-choose between the services of several competing building society organisations. But, says the critic, however sound and sensible such proposals may be, is there any hope that the Minister for Local Government would consent to such a transfer of his Department's functions and authority?

SLUM-CLEARANCE

To that question there seem to be quite convincing answers. One is that the Department's housing branch and officials are already overburdened with slum-clearance and re-housing activities, with which there is no suggestion of interference. Another answer—on which the fate of the proposals now submitted mainly depends—is that they provide a means by which the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Local Government may conserve very substantial annual sums which are not necessary for the financing of private enterprise, but for which the needs of slum clearance, rehousing and other public-health works clamour more loudly every month! Such, clearly, were the considerations which led Mr. Lemass to tell the House-builders' Association that the Government would be willing to discuss State aid as a means whereby building societies may be made to take over some part of the taxpayer's heavy burden of housing finance. If these contributions help to reinforce the Minister's plea, and to show how the conservation of State finance may become consonant with more and better house-building activities, their purpose will have been fully served.

CO. ARMAGH MAN'S ESTATE

TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT

A settlement was arrived at yesterday in the King's Bench, Belfast, before Mr. Justice Brown, of the action in which Michael Quinn, farmer, Cullyhanna Little, South Armagh, claimed to be the executor of the last will, dated March 1, 1937, of Arthur Hughes, Ballynaree, Co. Armagh, who died on March 11, 1937, and sought that the will be admitted to probate in solemn form. The defendant, Miss Catherine Hughes, Newtownhamilton, one of the next-of-kin, had entered a caveat against the will.

It was announced that the parties had agreed that the will be admitted to probate on terms.

Mr. MacDermott said that the plaintiff would pay to the defendant's solicitor £600 to be distributed among the defendant and other next-of-kin of the deceased man represented by him, the legacies of £50 each left to two of them to lapse. The plaintiff further undertook to pay the defendant £225 as costs, and defendant undertook to hand over certain documents to plaintiff's solicitor.

Mr. Justice Brown made the consent a rule of Court.

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NEW HOUSING BILL IN DAIL

BUILDING AND REBUILDING

STATE TO PROVIDE £700,000

MR. SEAN T. O'KELLY, Minister for Local Government and Public Health, moved the second stage of the Housing and Labourers Bill, 1937. The main purpose of the bill, he said, was to provide a further sum of £700,000 for the making of grants for the erection and reconstruction of houses by private persons and the erection of houses by public utility societies, bringing the total provision under that head since the 1932 Housing Act to £3,500,000. Under the Act of 1932 they provided for this work £700,000, which was increased to £1,400,000 by the Act of 1934. Under two Acts of 1936 the sum of £1,400,000 was increased to £2,800,000. That amount had been fully allocated, and as the time for completing the work expired on March 31 next the Government had decided to provide for the fifth time a sum of £700,000 to enable the work of building and rebuilding to continue to March 31, 1939.

The amount of money allocated to private persons and public utility societies at the 1st November, 1937, totalled £1,808,932 for the building of 29,362 houses. The amount allocated for the reconstruction of existing houses at the same date was £957,063 in respect of 25,086 houses, representing a total of £2,775,995 in allocations in respect of the erection and reconstruction of 54,448 houses. The number of houses built under these grants at 1st November, 1937, was 19,954, of which 8,616 were erected in urban areas and 11,338 in rural areas. At the same date the total number of houses reconstructed by small farmers and agricultural labourers was 12,780.

CLEARING THE SLUMS

It was proposed to continue the payment of grants at the existing rates up to 31st March, 1939, with the exception of £45, in respect of houses erected in urban areas. Houses erected in these areas up to 31st March, 1938, which complied with the statutory conditions, would be eligible for grants. The bill also made provision for the payment of a grant in respect of houses in urban areas that were at present ineligible for grants because the houses were not completed by the end of March, 1937. Outside Dublin City and County there had been very little done by private persons and public utility societies for the erection of houses in urban areas.

The bulk of the houses provided in urban areas were erected for sale. Very few were available for letting, and in view of the growing demands on the Exchequer for slum clearance schemes, it was felt that the time had come when the resources of the State must be reserved for this purpose, and for the provision and improvement of the homes of small farmers and agricultural labourers in rural areas. A portion of the additional grant of £700,000 under this bill would be available for the improvement of housing accommodation of the working classes in urban areas. An urban authority was empowered to allow the owner of a house which could be put into repair at a reasonable cost to carry out the necessary improvements.

THE STATE GRANT

A grant of £40, or one-quarter of the cost of reconstructing a house unfit for human habitation which was otherwise suitable, or capable of being made suitable, would be made out of State funds. In the County Boroughs and the Borough of Dun Laoghaire the State grant would be conditional on a like contribution being made by the local authority concerned. In the other urban areas it would be optional for the local authority to supplement the State contribution. Power was being taken in the bill to secure that the rent to be charged for a reconstructed dwelling would not be increased by reason of any expenditure from State or local funds. He wanted to make it clear that grants would be payable only in respect of houses that could be converted into suitable family dwellings. It was also intended to confine the grant to houses situated outside places that would be required to be cleared under the provisions of the Act of 1931.

The bill also provided for the funding of arrears of rent in connection with the labourers' cottage purchase schemes framed under the Labourers Act. The cottage purchase schemes under the Act submitted by Boards of Health had been examined in conjunction with the returns of the rent collections, and he was satisfied that a removal of the restriction on sale imposed by the 1936 Act was necessary to enable speedy provision to be made for the sale of cottages and to facilitate the collection of arrears. The method of funding the arrears was left to the Boards of Health to decide according to the circumstances.

GRADING THE GRANT

Mr. BRENNAN (U.I., Roscommon) said that the Minister had not given the State's commitments in regard to grants which the one people were paying all the time. Hardships existed for those who came just outside the valuation figure, which was fixed at £25. He thought that that position should be remedied, and it could be done by grading the grants. The funding arrangement for the purchase of cottages seemed to be a bit mixed.

Mr. H. M. DOCKRELL (U.I., Co. Dublin) said he held that as far as Dublin and district was concerned, in practice any house that was put up helped to solve the problem of the housing of the working classes. The remission of rates over seven years died with the £45 grant, and that showed the haphazard, piecemeal way the legislation for the provision of houses had proceeded. Everything had increased in price, and if there was an argument for the £45 grant in the past there was a greater argument in the future. The same thing applied to the remission of rates. That was a cruel imposition to place on a person moving into a new house. He would appeal to the Minister to consider the housing of all classes of the community as interlocked. It was absurd to say that with one of their major problems in the City of Dublin their contribution to the problem, so far as 1938 was concerned was such that the industry did not know where it was.

RURAL DWELLERS

Mr. BROOKE-BRAZIER (U.I., Cork) said he did not think the Minister had been over-generous in the matter of grants for rural dwellers, having regard to the prevailing high building costs. They should have a scheme for the sale of labourers' cottages to the tenants.

Mr McGOVERN (U.I., Cavan) said the time had come for a revision of the hard and fast scale relating to valuation for reconstruction purposes.

Mr. G. L. McGOWAN (Labour) said that it was high time an inquiry was directed into the activities of utility societies. In many cases these societies were merely a combination of persons gathered together for the purpose of obtaining building grants.

The provision regarding the payment of trade union wages in the previous bill had been flouted, and he thought the Minister should ensure in this measure that trade union wages would be paid. The bill was a very poor attempt by the Minister to cover his shortcomings.

IMPOSITIONS ON MATERIALS

£100,000 ON CEMENT

Mr. COSGRAVE (U.I., Cork) asked would the Minister make a statement as to the quality of the house which had been built in recent years with assistance from the State, whether built by private persons who got grants or built by local authorities. The Minister had told the House that costs of building had increased, and that it was not proposed to continue the £45 grant after the 31st March next, as the programme of slum-clearance would require the entire resources available. Would the Minister consider the submission made by Deputy Dockrell, that any person who had built a house in recent years had contributed in some way towards the solution of that problem, and that with municipalities like Dublin unable to do anything for working-class families of under six or seven persons, it was obvious that the problem was going to remain unsolved for some years?

On the question of the cost of building, he would like the Minister to look into the various impositions that had been placed on building materials during the last few years. It might be that it was part of the industrial policy of the Government to put on the tariffs which had increased the cost, but surely it was not fair that £100,000 in impositions of one sort or another should be collected on an article like cement, which was not yet being manufactured here. In the case of other articles which had increase in cost, it was the Minister's duty to see whether home manufacturers were providing articles of nearly equal price and equal value.

THE £45 GRANT

The £45 grant was to stop in April next. Would the Minister not consider scaling down the grant rather than cutting it off altogether, by giving £40 for the next twelve months, £30 for the following year, and so on?

Alderman R. CORISH (Labour, Wexford) welcomed the provisions of the bill.

Mr. NORTON (Lab., Kildare) paid a tribute to the zeal and efficiency of the Housing Department, which had spared no effort to assist in the housing programme in the country. He had one misgiving, and it was that there was no sufficient attention being paid to the supervision of labourers' cottages erected under the main Act. In Kildare a good deal of local and national money was dissipated by the type of cottage built with apparent lack of supervision.

He suggested that the Minister should consider putting in charge of local engineers some person to whom they would be responsible. He was afraid that the effect of the discontinuance of the £45 grant would be to slow down the building of houses in urban areas, particularly where the scheme for the remission of rates also was being withdrawn, at a time when building costs were showing a considerable increase.

URBAN PROPERTY-OWNERS

Mr. L. MOORE (F.F., Wicklow) said it seemed remarkable that without any inquiry as to the income derived from property the owner of urban property could get the Government to help him to put such property in order, and that he could get a free grant. There were many people making big incomes out of their property.

Mr. S. BRODERICK (U.I., Galway) said that in view of a 30 per cent. increase in the cost of building, a grant of £45 in the urban areas was useless. Was it not possible after sixteen years to produce sufficient slates of our own to meet the requirements of even a few builders instead of having nine-tenths of the houses roofed with tiles? What was the real cause of the increase in building costs?

NO PROFITEERING

Mr. S. MINCH (U.I., Kildare) said that, although costs had gone up, it did not necessarily mean that the profits of those concerned in building were increasing accordingly. They had had too many allegations of profiteering bandied about the House. It seemed that the people who were paying directly to the Government, people with property, always were the first to be attacked. It was not true that profiteering was taking place in the building trade.

Mr. M. J. CORRY (F.F., Cork) said he could supply Deputy Broderick or any other deputy with as many good Irish slates as were required for any purpose.

Mr. KEYES (Lab., Limerick) said that the amended bill would not be anything like sufficient to get a reasonable number of the tenant cottiers of the country to avail themselves of the purchase facilities.

MINISTER'S REPLY

Mr. O'KELLY, replying, said that farmers under £25 valuation could avail themselves of the Act, and, as there were still 13,000 or 14,000 people living in agricultural holdings of less than £25, and until his Department had gone a good deal further in dealing with the poor, he would not be in favour of increasing the rent. There were over 13,000 holders below £25, and by dealing with them they were tackling three-fourths of the problem. The Government housing schemes had cost the country about £6,000,000. He had no wish to conceal that figure, for in his opinion and in the opinion of the Government it had been necessary expenditure. They regarded it as good money well spent in housing the people, and there was no better way in which they could be spending it than in providing decent sanitary housing accommodation for the people.

As regards the withdrawal of the £45 grant, he believed, from what builders had told him that the building of houses would not be affected, and that, so long as loans were provided under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, the present rate of progress would not be reduced.

TRADE UNION RATES

With regard to the supervision of housing as mentioned by Deputy Norton, particularly in County Kildare, he had had the matter examined more than once. He thought it would be found that the charges Deputy Norton had made would be discovered not all to be well founded. He had always stood for the payment of trade union wages, and where complaints were made that such rates were not being paid they took it up immediately, and the grants were withheld.

The bill was read a second time, and the Committee stage was fixed for Friday.

SHOP ASSISTANTS BILL

The Committee stage of the Shop Assistants (Conditions of Employment) (No. 2) Bill was resumed.

Mr. DOCKRELL (U.I., Dublin) moved a number of amendments designed to put refreshment houses in a more flexible position in regard to hours of employment. Such houses, he said, were not on all fours with the ordinary traders.

Mr. LEMASS said that he could not see how they could make any distinction between the hours of work in refreshment houses and ordinary traders. The only point was whether people employed in refreshment houses should work forty-eight hours of fifty-six. There would be no general approval of the idea of unduly restricting the hours of refreshment houses, certainly not houses catering for tourists.

Mr. FITZGERALD-KENNEY (U.I., Mayo) said that many employes in hotels were dependent almost entirely on tips for their wages. He mentioned the case where a waiter, who had served almost an entire meal, would have to retire before the diners rose, and would thus lose his valuable tip. This, he contended, could be applied to almost any section of hotel service.

The MINISTER said that this position would not arise, as the bill fixed the number of working hours as per week, and not as per day.

RIFLE CLUB DINNER

At last night's dinner at the Metropole of the City of Dublin Miniature Rifle Club. Standing (from left): Mr. P. C. Folan (Captain), Mr. F. Nixon, Mr. K. G. Walshe (President), Mr. J. Willis, Mr. W. G. Fanning (Secretary) and Mr. D. J. Walshe (Treasurer). Seated (in front): Mrs. Boys and Miss Lawless.

SUDDEN DEATH AT WHIST PARTY

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

STRABANE, Wednesday.

While playing at a whist drive to-night in the Catholic Social Hall, Derry road, Strabane, in aid of the new church of the Sacred Heart, which is being erected on the Derry road for the Parish of Leckpatrick, Mr. John McCrossan, aged 58, of the Prudential Assurance Company, Bridge street, Strabane, had a fatal heart seizure.

He was attended in the hall by Dr. Browne and by the Rev. T. J. Agnew, P.P., Strabane. He was a son of Edward McCrossan, farmer, Glentimon, Sionmills, and leaves a wife and seven children.

CO. DOWN MAN'S ESTATE

In the Appeal Court, Belfast, yesterday, before Lord Justice Best and Lord Justice Babington, Arthur Greer, 75 Princetown road, Bangor, and Austin Brown, 102 Donegall street, Belfast, executors of the will of William Greer, late of Rathmyre, Helen's Bay, County Down, appealed from an order of Mr. Justice Brown in the Bankruptcy Division declaring that the Belfast Banking Company, the respondents in the present action, were entitled to £407 9s. received by the executors from the Law, Union, and Rock Insurance Company on fo[illegible] of a fixed term policy.

Lord Justice Best held there was an equitable assignment to the bank and that the decision of the learned Judge should be affirmed.

Lord Justice Babington concurred.

QUESTIONS IN THE DAIL

CORK PROBATE REGISTRY

Mr. RUTTLEDGE, Minister for Justice, informed Mr. T. J. O'Donovan (U.I., Cork, W.) that he had not considered at all the possibility of closing the District Probate Registry at Cork.

Replying to Mr. G. Bennett (U.I., Limerick), Mr. LEMASS, Minister for Industry and Commerce, said the provisions of the Railways Act, 1933, so far as they dealt with a superannuation scheme for the employés of the Great Southern Railways, had been discharged, in that a scheme was duly presented to the Railway Tribunal, fully discussed before that Tribunal, and reported on as not meeting the reasonable requirements of the employés. Direct negotiations were at present proceeding between the railway trades unions and the company with a view to the possibility of evolving a scheme satisfactory to both parties.

BEET PULP

Dr. BYAN, Minister for Agriculture, replying to Mr. N. Wall (U.I., Waterford) said that it was not hitherto possible to have the whole of the output of beet pulp absorbed on the home market, and it became necessary to make advance contracts abroad for the sale of the approximate quantities estimated to be surplus to requirements. Licences had been granted for the export this season of a limited quantity of beet pulp to meet such advance contracts. It was not anticipated that in future years any export of pulp would be necessary.

Replying to Mr. H. M. Dockrell (U.I., Dublin County), Mr. T. DERRIG, Minister for Education, said it would be necessary to revise the design of the Intermediate Examination Certificates during the coming year, and the deputy's suggestion that all the relevant particulars be put on one side only would be considered.

FROST DANGERS IN THE NORTH

MOTOR TRAFFIC IMPEDED

Traffic is still greatly impeded in East Donegal as a result of the snow storm. Oil and bread lorries were unable to make the journey to Killygordon yesterday.

The condition of the roads in Carrickmacross district was much safer yesterday, and 'bus services, which were suspended on Saturday morning last, resumed this morning, and traffic generally is almost normal again.

The first 'bus to get through to the village of Tallanstown, Co. Louth, since last Thursday night's snow rendered the roads impassable, made the journey yesterday. Likewise, the first 'bus to Dublin from Ardee, through Slane and Ashbourne, got through to-day, the condition of the roads having improved, due to the rain.

WHITHER RURAL IRELAND?

LECTURE IN CORK

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Wednesday.

Mr. Murphy, M.A., presided at to-night's inaugural meeting of University College Dairy Society, when an address on "Whither Rural Ireland?" was delivered by the Rev. J. Hayes, C.C., President and founder Muintir na Tire.

Father Hayes said rural Ireland was to-day at the cross-roads, and it must be organisation or disintegration. With trust in God they could open the road to a golden future.

Mr. D. Forde-Nagle, President, Cork Chamber of Commerce, said that townspeople did not take sufficient interest in the rural population.

Mr. P. J. Halliden said that the surest need of the rural population was a system of post-primary education with a definitely rural bias.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS

GAIETY THEATRE.
6.45..............TWICE NIGHTLY..............9
"Thrills, music, and vocalism. A high-class variety show."—"Irish Independent."
SAWING THRO' A WOMAN.
HUBERT VALENTINE, THE FIVE CARROLLS, KANNAN BOMBAYO, MEXANO'S ACCORDION BAND.
And Brilliant Supporting Variety.
BOOK NOW FOR PANTOMIME:
JIMMY O'DEA in "MOTHER GOOSE."
Commencing MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

OLYMPIA THEATRE.
6.45 .... TWICE NIGHTLY .... 9 o'c.
HARRY CASTELLI,
THE YOUNG PERSONALITY CONDUCTOR, And his Celebrated
ACCORDEON BAND.
THE 4 ROADSTERS.
Supported by All-Star Variety Company.
Box Office Open Daily, 11-4.30. Tel.—22962.

GATE. 7.45 SHARP. Final Curtain, 11 p.m.
MICHEAL MacLIAMMOIR, in "HAMLET."
MATINEE SATURDAY, 2.30.

METROPOLE.
CONTINUOUS .... 2.0 to 11.0 p.m.
FRED MacMURRAY, FRANCES FARMER, CHARLIE RUGGLES, in
"EXCLUSIVE."
Daily at 2.10, 4.41, 7.12, 9.43.
Also ANN DVORAK and JOHN TRENT, in
"SHE'S NO LADY."

GRAFTON Continuous from 2 to 11. Daily at 2.50, 5.0, 7.15, 9.25.
CONRAD VEIDT—ANNABELLA, in
"UNDER THE RED ROBE,"
Adapted from the Novel by Stanley J. Weyman.

CORINTHIAN.
CONTINUOUS .... 2.30 TILL 11.0 P.M.
PAUL KELLY, ROSALIND KEITH, in "PAROLE RACKET."
Also DOROTHY WILSON in "SPEED TO SPARE."

GRAND CENTRAL.
2.30—11 O'CLOCK.
"GOD'S COUNTRY AND THE WOMAN."
GEORGE BRENT.
AT 2.30, 4.57, 7.16, 9.39.

THEATRE DE LUXE.
Dublin's Super Cinema...3 to 11...CAMDEN ST.
LORETTA YOUNG, in "LOVE IS NEWS."
TYRONE POWER, at 4.20, 7.0, 9.40 p.m.
THE JONES FAMILY, in "BIG BUSINESS."

ABERDEEN HALL, GRESHAM HOTEL.
CHRISTMAS WEEK DANCES.
FRIDAY, 24th DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS EVE.
SUPPER DANCE—8 to 12.
Supper and Dance, 8/6 (including Tax).
MONDAY, 27th DECEMBER, BOXING NIGHT.
GALA SUPPER DANCE—9 to 2.
Supper and Dance, 8/6 (including Tax).
FRIDAY 31st DECEMBER, NEW YEAR'S EVE.
GALA SUPPER DANCE—9 to 3.30.
Supper and Dance, 10/6 (including Tax).
THE GRESHAM DANCE ORCHESTRA, directed by ALEX. CAULFIELD.

THEATRE ROYAL
Continuous Daily, 2-11. 'Phones 12132/3. Bargain Matinee 2-5 p.m. (Sat. 2-3 p.m.) All Seats 1/- (except Royal Circle, 1/9). Night Prices: 1/-, 1/3, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6.
SEATS MAY NOW BE BOOKED FOR 5.30 & 8.30 PERFORMANCES ON SUNDAY (ST. STEPHEN'S DAY), DECEMBER 26th.
WILL MAHONEY,
AMERICA'S FOREMOST FUNSTER AND ALL-STAR VARIETY.
On the Screen:
"A FAMILY AFFAIR,"
With LIONEL BARRYMORE.
Variety Showing at 3.10, 5.50, 8.30. Film showing at 2 o'c., 4.35, 7.10, 9.55.

STEPHEN'S GREEN 2—11.
POSITIVELY LAST DAY OF
"MOONLIGHT SONATA,"
With IGNACE JAN PADEREWSKI.
Showing at 2.30, 4.50, 7.10, and 9.30.
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY):
RUDYARD KIPLING'S CLASSIC,
"ELEPHANT BOY."
Prizes will be awarded for Essays on "Why I Liked Elephant Boy" to young people under 12, 14, 16 and 18 years. The prize will be a Guinea in each of the Senior Classes and two Book Prizes each for the Junior Classes. The Books are "Toomai of the Elephants," and are autographed by Sabu, the Boy Star of the Film. Particulars and Entry Forms at the Theatre.

SAVOY.
Continuous Daily, 2-11. 'Phones ... 44788/9. Bargain Matinée Daily, 2 to 3 p.m. (Sats. 2-3 p.m.). All Seats 1/- (except Grand Circle, 1/9). Children Half-price, 6d. Night Prices—1/-, 1/4, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6. Seats may now be Booked for 5.30 and 8.30 Performances on Sunday (St. Stephen's Day), Dec. 26.
POSITIVELY LAST DAY.
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JUN.,
With VALERIE HOBSON, in
"JUMP FOR GLORY,"
SHOWING AT 2.45, 5 o'c, 7.15, 9.30.
Also Mickey Mouse Cartoon, "MOVING DAY."
PHILIP DORE AT THE ORGAN.
STARTING TO-MORROW
EDWARD G. ROBINSON,
IN
"THUNDER IN THE CITY."
Watch out for the Children's "Mickey Mouse" Matinees at 2 p.m. daily on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.
You'll find the real Christmas spirit at the SAVOY RESTAURANT. Open 10 a.m. to midnight.
Cork—"They Gave Him a Gun."
Limerick—"Lloyds of London."

CAPITOL TO-DAY, 2 to 11.
LEE TRACY, MARGOT GRAHAME, in
"CRIMINAL LAWYER."
Showing at 2.12, 4.44, 7.16, 9.48.
PRESTON FOSTER, MARGARET CALLAHAN, in
"HOUSE OF FATE."
Showing at 3.23, 5.55, 8.27.

ASTOR TO-DAY, 2 to 11.
Erich Remarque's famous "All Quiet" Sequel,
"THE ROAD BACK."
SHOWING at 2.20, 4.40, 7.0, 9.20.
Admission 2/-, including tax.
BOOK FOR SUNDAY, 3.30 and 8.30.

PICTURES FOR XMAS GIFTS
COMBRIDGE, GRAFTON STREET.

France offers us the Produce of her Choicest Vineyards.
GOLDEN GUINEA
French Sparkling Muscatel.
Obtainable at all the leading Hotels, Restaurants and Wine Merchants, &c.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.
POSITIONS VACANT.

Application forms for, and particulars of, the undermentioned posts may be obtained from the Secretary of the Commission, 45 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin, C. 3:—

1. RATE INSPECTOR, WATERFORD CO. COUNCIL AND RENT CHECKER, WATERFORD BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH. Salary Scale:—£200-£10-£300. Age limits:—25-40 years, with an extension of the upper age limit in certain cases.
2. STOREKEEPER, DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL, MULLINGAR. Salary Scale:—£200-£7 10s.-£300. Age limits:—25-40 years, with an extension of the upper age limit in certain cases.
3. MEDICAL OFFICER, CASTLETOWNBERE COTTAGE HOSPITAL, CO. CORK. Salary Scale:—£100-£10-£150.

LATEST DATE FOR RECEIVING COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS—3rd January, 1938.

6/S. 6538. W.H.Co.

COIMISINEIRI OIBREACH PUIBLI.
(COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS.)
NOTICE TO BUILDERS.

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to, but not later than, 12 o'clock noon on the 14th January, 1938, for the erection of Dining Halls at McDermott and Clarke Barracks, Curragh Camp, in accordance with the plans and specification to be seen at this office.

Bills of Quantities may be obtained on application to this office. Applications must be accompanied by a deposit of £1, which will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide tender.

The Commissioners will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

GEO. P. FAGAN, Runai.
Oifig Oibreach Puibli (Office of Public Works),
Baile Atha Cliath (Dublin),
14th December, 1937.

COLAISTE CAOIMHIN, GLASNEVIN.
GRAZING TO LET.

The Commissioners of Public Works invite Tenders to take four fields at Colaiste Caoimhin, Glasnevin, containing 16 acres 3 roods, Statute Measure, approximately, for Grazing by Sheep only, for the period ending 30th November, 1938.

Particulars of the letting conditions, with a map of the lands, may be inspected at Colaiste Caoimhin, or at the Office of Public Works, 51 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Sealed tenders, marked "Glasnevin—Grazing," and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to but not later than, 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, the 30th December, 1937.

The fields will not be let for accommodation, market, or shipping purposes.

The Commissioners will not be bound to accept the highest or any tender.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

CAROL SERVICES,
TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, AT 8.
CHRISTMAS EVE, AT 4.

LEASEHOLDERS'
(CITY AND COUNTY)
CONVENTION,
THIS EVENING (THURSDAY),
At ENGINEERS' HALL,
DAWSON STREET.
PUBLIC SESSION AT 8 P.M.
"UNITE IN NATIONAL DEMAND."

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS.
W. H. MORTON, General Manager.

NOTICE OF INCREASE OF CHARGES.

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the Order, dated 3rd December, 1937, issued by the Railway Tribunal, the Fares, Rates, Tolls and other charges in operation on the 31st December, 1937, will be increased ON AND FROM 1st JANUARY, 1938, by 5 per cent. or thereabouts.

The increase will apply to Fares, Rates and other charges for the carriage of Passengers and Merchandise between places served by the Great Southern Railways Company; and between places served by the Great Southern Railways Company and other places in Ireland, Great Britain, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

Notice is hereby given that on and from 1st January, 1938, a similiar increase will be applied to the charges for services rendered and accommodation provided by the Company incidental to the carriage of Merchandise.

Detailed particulars of these Increases may be obtained upon request at any Railway Station or Depot.

P. J. FLOYD, Traffic Manager.
Kingsbridge. December, 1937.

CAVAN BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

RESIDENT ENGINEER WANTED.

Applications are invited, for consideartion at Board Meeting on Tuesday, 28th December, 1937, for the position of Resident Engineer on the construction of Ballyjamesduff Water Supply Scheme. Essential qualificatinos are a University Degree in Engineering or its equivalent, and practical experience in concrete construction and pipe-laying. Remuneration £5 5/- a week inclusive; one week's notice on either side to terminate appointment. The appointment will be made on the recommendation of the Board's Consulting Engineer, and be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Applications, accompanied by testimonials and particulars of qualifications, should reach the undersigned not later than MONADY, 27th DECEMBER, 1937.

By Order, M. A. VEALE, Secretary.
Board of Health Offices, Cavan.
14/12/'37.

MEATH COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

FAT CATTLE EXPORT LICENCES.

The above Committee invite applications for Licences for Stall-fed, Grass-fed Fat Cattle, Bulls, and Dry Cows, from farmers having Fat Cattle ready for Sale for Export to Great Britain or Northern Ireland during the months of February and March, 1938.

It is important that correct figures should be returned, as only a limited number of licences are available. Applicants must forward with their Application Form a fee of 1/6 for each Licence applied for. Under no circumstances will Licences be issued unless the Application Form is accompanied by the appropriate fee. Application Forms can be had from the undersigned, and must be returned completed in all detail, so as to reach these Offices not later than SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1938, AFTER WHICH DATE NO APPLICATION WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

W. J. CORCORAN, Secretary.
County Offices, Navan,
13th December, 1937.

CUMANN NA nINNFALTOIRI.
(THE ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION.)

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), 17th DECEMBER, in WYNN'S HOTEL, LOWER ABBEY STREET, DUBLIN, at 7.30 p.m.

The President, PROFESSOR HACKETT, M.A., M.Sc., D.Ph., will deliver an address on "THE ENGINEER AND THE COMMUNITY."

All Members of the Engineering Profession are invited to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICES

DUBLIN VICTUALLERS' ASSOCIATION.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING,
AT THE OFFICE,
3 CAVENDISH ROW,
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),
17th DECEMBER,
At 8 p.m.,
TO CONFIRM PROPOSALS RE INCREASED RATES OF WAGES, ETC.
CITY AND COUNTY MEMBERS OF THE TRADE INVITED.
SAMUEL BYRNE, P.C., President.

I, PATRICK J. KILMARTIN, 182 UPPER DRUMCONDRA ROAD, DUBLIN, intend to apply for Suitability of Premises at 4 PALACE STREET, DUBLIN, for Bookmaking.

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TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

Dublin District Court—10.30 a.m.
High and Circuit Courts—11 a.m.
Circuit Criminal Court—11 a.m.
Dublin Theatre and Irish Cinemas, Ltd.—Engineers' Hall noon.
Dublin Port and Docks Board—1 p.m.
Grangegorman Mental Hospital Joint Committee—3 p.m.
Dail—Leinster House, 3 p.m.
Dublin Shelter for Men, 32 Poolbeg street—4.30 p.m.
Dublin Naturalists' Field Club, 19 Dawson street—8 p.m.
Leinster Motor Club Meeting—8 p.m.
Irish Free State Trout Anglers' Federation—Jury's Hotel, 8.15 p.m.
Photographic Society of Ireland—Social Night—Mills' Hall, 8 p.m.
Dublin United Tramways Co. Clerical Staff Dance—Metropole, 9 p.m.

SPORT.

Rugby—Leinster v Connaught, Lansdowne road, 2.30 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—Variety.
Olympia Theatre—Variety.
Gate Theatre—"Hamlet."
Metropole Cinema—"Exclusive" and "She's No Lady"
Grafton Cinema—"Under the Red Robe."
Corinthian Cinema—"Parole Racket" and "Speed to Spare."
Grand Central Cinema—"God's Country and the Woman."
Theatre de Luxe — "Love Is News" and "Big Business"
Theatre Royal — Variety and "A Family Affair."
Stephen's Green Cinema — "Moonlight Sonata."
Savoy Cinema—"Jump for Glory."
Capitol Cinema — "Criminal Lawyer" and "House of Fate."
Astor Cinema—"The Road Back."

The Irish Times

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1937.

NEWS SUMMARY

IRELAND

Dublin's milk producers intend to apply to the Milk Board for an increase of 4d. a gallon in the price of milk.—(Page 9.)

The second reading of the new Housing Bill was passed in the Dáil yesterday.—(Page 7.)

In a Note to the Japanese Government yesterday Great Britain demands assurances that steps have actually been taken to prevent further attacks on British vessels in the Far East, and states that adequate punishment of those responsible for the attacks would seem to be the only method by which further outrages can be prevented.—(Page 9.)

GREAT BRITAIN

At the close of a debate on the evils of share-pushing in the House of Commons last night, Captain Euan Wallace (Parliamentary Under Secretary, Board of Trade) said that the Government was determined to deal drastically and as soon as possible with such abuses.—(Page 15.)

ABROAD

The latest news from China indicates that the Japanese are preparing to attack Canton when the offensive at Nanking has ended. Meanwhile, all foreigners are reported to be safe at Nanking.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING

At Windsor yesterday Cakewalker won the New Windsor Handicap Steeplechase.—(Page 12.)

FINANCIAL

London Stock Markets were in much brighter mood yesterday, and many appreciable gains were recorded. Industrials showed marked improvement, and Mines were good.—(Page 14.)

Gold declined ½d. to 139s. 9½d. per oz., and the larger amount of £897,000 in bars was sold.—(Page 14.)

Dublin Market was inactive, and prices further eased on a little selling. Home Funds were well maintained, but in Rails Great Southern Pref. fell a point.—(Page 14.)

The Spanish Mystery

The dramatic events that have been taking place in the Far East recently have driven Spain almost completely off the main pages of Europe's newspapers. Since General Franco's troops captured Gijon, thus gaining control of the entire northern coast, there has been very little news from Spain. It was assumed that, having gained a comparatively easy victory in the north, General Franco would hasten to give the *coup de grace* to the Government forces, and that a general offensive against both Madrid and Barcelona would have been started almost immediately. In the event nothing happened. The long-awaited offensive has not been launched. An atmosphere of calm has settled down over the Peninsula, and even General Queipo de Llano's broadcasts have lost most of their pristine vigour. Now a further complication has arisen; for it is announced that snow has fallen in Madrid. This phenomenon has not been experienced for several years, and portends an exceptionally severe winter which will make military operations very difficult. There already have been heavy rains throughout Andalusia. Bad weather is reported from Catalonia, and severe snowfalls have made the three main highways across the Guadarramas impassable. The uplands of Castile have been reduced to a quagmire; snow is falling low in the Pyrenees, and the River Ebro, which recently overflowed its banks, is running high again. The effect of these weather conditions will be to make offensive operations of any kind extremely difficult, if not, indeed, impossible, for some little time to come. It would appear as if the great advantage that accrued to General Franco after the clearance of the northern coast had been allowed to slip. With the additional troops that were placed at his disposal five or six weeks ago General Franco ought to have been able to have invested Madrid, if not Barcelona and Valencia into the bargain; but, to everybody's surprise, the offensive was postponed; and, although extensive preparations are reported from different parts of Spain, the unfavourable weather is likely to last into the new year.

What can be the cause of this delay? Neither Spaniards nor Italians like to fight in bad weather, so we may assume that serious operations hardly will be started again until the spring. Time, it must be remembered, is on the Government's side. When the civil war began the Government had no army of any consequence. It armed every Tom, Dick and Harry on whom it could lay its hands. Even women were given guns and ammunition, and for the first three months of the fighting Madrid was defended by a mere rabble. Then came the International Brigade, with its nucleus of highly trained and enthusiastic foreigners. These volunteers constituted splendid fighting material, and, although General Franco's troops in some places had crossed the Manzanares, and had occupied the University City in Madrid, they could make no further progress. Russian aeroplanes, sent to the Government's assistance, proved to be superior to the German machines with which General Franco's army was supplied. Everywhere the Government's resistance was stiffened, and, although General Franco undoubtedly had marked successes in the North, against the Basques and the Asturians, his advance was held up throughout the rest of Spain. In the meanwhile the Spanish Government made substantial progress in the matter of organisation. At the beginning everything was at sixes and sevens. The Anarchists refused to work with anybody else; there was little or no discipline in the administration, and organised government was almost impossible. Now all that has been changed. A regular army has been established with a strength of between 400,000 and 500,000 men. Discipline—at any rate, of a sort—has been enforced on the troops, and, although the original International Brigade has been almost wiped out, the Government at the moment has a formidable force at its disposal. It would be foolish to pretend that it has not received substantial assistance from outside sources. While General Franco has been helped by large bodies of Italian and German soldiers, the Government has been getting succour in the shape of arms and munitions from Russia and other countries. It now controls an army which is said to be an excellent fighting machine, and the longer General Franco delays with his offensive the stronger that army is likely to become.

Unless General Franco receives further help from Italy, his task will be far more difficult than it would have been three months ago. Not only has the Spanish Government a strong army at its command; but, on the civil side, many of the problems of the early days have been overcome. The civil power now has at least some semblance of cohesion. Catalans and Castilians are working together, if not in close intimacy, at all events in outward harmony, and seem to be determined to fight to a finish. It is not easy to understand why General Franco has failed to push home his advantage. Most observers took the view after the fall of Gijon that he would be able to dispense with the services of the Italians and Germans, who were largely responsible for the defeat of the Basques and Asturians, and to attack Madrid and Barcelona without outside aid; but apparently they were mistaken. Under the London agreement the Italians and Germans have agreed, in principle, to withdraw their troops from Spain, on condition that all foreigners also are withdrawn from the Government's side. In theory this agreement is being carried out; but there have been reports of further reinforcements from Italy during the last month or so, and it is believed that General Franco is massing his forces for a general offensive when the weather shall have improved. The frontier has been closed at La Linea. Even the ferry service to Algeciras has been suspended, and reports from Gibraltar tell of mysterious comings and goings between Africa and the mainland. Possibly negotiations are on foot between the totalitarian States and the democracies with a view to a bargain over Spain, whom both Germany and Italy would throw over cheerfully if they could obtain certain concessions from Britain and France. Time alone will tell; but one thing is quite certain. The end of the Spanish tragedy still is a long way off. Even if General Franco should capture Madrid and Barcelona to-morrow, he would be only at the beginning of his real problem. The establishment of ordered conditions in Spain will take many a long year to complete; the man may not yet be born who will complete it.

Paying for Houses

The Minister for Industry and Commerce seems to reserve his wisest remarks for public functions. Some days ago, speaking before the Dublin and District House-Builders' Association, he made a highly interesting and important suggestion. It was, in essence, that the State no longer could be expected to undertake the financing of every type of building activity, and ought to be able to confine its energies to the duty of housing the poor. Our correspondent, "Artifex," has elaborated this theme in two articles, of which the second appears to-day. He points out that the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, as they are being operated to-day, are working very badly. Many local authorities have not bothered to take advantage of them at all; others are operating them in so scandalous a manner that it is very questionable whether even the law of libel will be able to protect the culprits much longer. Manifestly the local authorities are not the right agency to control these acts. When they are honest they too often lack the technical equipment necessary for the business of house-building; when they are inclined otherwise the "wire-puller" obtains all the plums—at the taxpayer's expense—while the seeker of a house who has no friends on the local council meets with obstacles at every turn of his search. The wastage of public money is appalling, and the necessary houses are not being built. In the circumstances, "Artifex" suggests that the task of providing these houses shall be taken from the hands of the local authorities and put into those of building societies. In a sentence, let the same method be applied to house-building which now is applied to industry through the Industrial Credit Company and to agriculture through the Agricultural Credit Corporation. Let the money thereby saved—and anybody who takes the pains to study the two articles cannot doubt that it would be saved—be consecrated to the Government's proper business of slum clearance. About the building societies' ability to handle their huge share of the labour there can be no doubt. Last year no fewer than 200,000 homes were purchased in Great Britain through the medium of building societies. Their operations have extended to Northern Ireland, with the result that the supply of suburban houses in Belfast actually exceeds the demand. Thus far, however, they have played a microscopic part in Free State housing. It is questionable whether they financed the purchase of more than a couple of hundred houses during the year, as compared with the two or three thousand which they certainly could have built and sold if they had possessed the necessary resources and had been able to offer attractive terms. Let them have the resources, says "Artifex." Subsidise building societies—both the existing societies and, if necessary, new ones—and let them do the work which the local authorities are supposed to do at present by virtue of the Small Dwellings Acts. Are we right in supposing that some such thought was in Mr. Lemass's mind when he hinted at State encouragement to the building societies? We hope so. It would mean the replacement of muddle and inefficiency by expert methods, and the Government would be left free to do its real job.

Milk Prices

The news that milk may cost more in the New Year will be read with mixed feelings. Consumers, who are in a large majority, will think only about the rapidly growing domestic budget, while the smaller body of producers will look at the rising cost of production. The retail price of milk in Dublin ranges at present between 2½d. and 3½d. a pint; the lower price is that charged for unbottled milk sold in shops or delivered to the home of the consumer. The prices paid to the producers range between 1s. 0½d. and 1s. 3½d. a gallon; the varying prices depend upon the situation of the purchaser and the cost of delivery. A simple comparison will show that while the consumer pays from 1s. 8d. to 2s. 2d. a gallon for the milk supplied to the household the producer gets something about 1s. 2d. a gallon. The differences between these prices are not so much clear profit for anybody, as might be assumed at first sight; the distributor has to maintain a whole series of services for pasteurisation, bottling, retailing in small quantities, and house-to-house delivery. The producers declare that the increased costs of feeding stuffs, farm wages, and compliance with the exacting provisions of the Dairy Produce Act of this year have turned a narrow profit into a loss, and that at least 4d. a gallon will be needed to make good the deficiency. If this increase is conceded by the Minister for Agriculture, consumers will be forced to pay from 3½d. to 4d. a pint for their milk supplies in the early part of next year. The prospect is not at all pleasant, especially when the increased cost of milk is added to the continuously rising prices of most other foodstuffs and clothing materials. This financial strain upon the unfortunate consumer is, basically, due to the policy of self-sufficiency adopted by the Government; a policy which keeps wages and the cost of living chasing each other like a dog after his tail. This haphazard, hand-to-mouth, set of schemes which the Government terms its policy must be examined seriously by experts who are outside the prejudices and promises of the party in power. If we are to pursue this policy of self-sufficiency to the bitter end, at least let us pursue it in a planned and regulated manner. The present system, or lack of system, keeps consumers and producers alike in a state of nervous tension from one end of a year to another.

The Sleeping Builder

Tihomir Gavriloch—he is, indeed, a resident of Belgrade—worked all his life as a brilliant builder. Men would come to him with a request for a new house, and within a bare few months M. Gavriloch would have run up something with windows, plumbing and a resistance to the weather. There came a day, however, when M. Gavriloch built a house for a man with no sense of money. The man would not pay him for his labours. Before the hurt eyes of M. Gavriloch the whole world disintegrated into meaningless, futile chaos; and M. Gavriloch decided to sever his connection with it. He was, however, something of an optimist, in addition to being a builder; and he felt that mankind's honour would return with the spring. M. Gavriloch took a lesson from the bears—and a large dose of opium—and went to sleep until the following March. He intended, that is, to go to sleep until the following March; but his neighbours became alarmed, and awoke him with cold water to Belgrade, and customers who would not pay their debts. M. Gavriloch conceived a fine, original idea; but, as often happens to original inventors, he failed to arouse the understanding and appreciation of the public. Scarcely anybody hibernates in these progressive times. Bears and other animals do; but the way is easier for them. They have so few responsibilities. Just consider how inconvenient it would be to have Tihomir Gavriloch fast asleep throughout the winter. The postman would be all at sixes and sevens. Should he continue to go out of his way to deliver letters to a man who, for practical purposes, was dead? There was the danger that M. Gavriloch accidentally would awake and demand his mail. Ought the gas, electric light and water companies to turn off their mains, and leave M. Gavriloch to freeze in darkness, and possibly to die of thirst? What would happen to the contractor from whom M. Gavriloch had ordered 12,000 bricks prior to his temporary demise? Should the contractor deliver the bricks on the chance that M. Gavriloch would return to use them? Then there are the rate collectors, the income tax experts and the man from the furniture place for the instalments. Human beings, in these days, have enough commitments to prevent them from sleeping at night, much less for a couple of months at a time.

KING AND QUEEN AT YORK HOUSE

The King and Queen dined with the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester at York House last night. The Duke, as host, received his brother and the Queen.

The other guests were personal friends of the King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family. After dinner there was an entertainment.

PONY'S DASH OVER THE BORDER

NORTHERN MAILS TAKEN INTO FREE STATE

A runaway pony attached to a trap containing mails bolted at Newtownbutler, which is in Northern Ireland, and galloped over the border into Clones, in the Irish Free State, nearly two miles away.

There it crashed into a level crossing gate. Free State officials sent the mails back.

James Caughey, the postman in charge, was dragged with the trap along the frost-bound road, and was found injured and suffering from shock a mile from Clones.

COURT AND PERSONAL

FROM THE *COURT CIRCULAR.*

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Wednesday.

The Right Hon. Sir John Anderson had an audience of the King this morning upon relinquishing his appointment as Governor of Bengal, when His Majesty invested him with the insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

Field-Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell had an audience of the King upon relinquishing his appointment as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

General Sir Harry Knox had the honour of being received by His Majesty upon relinquishing his appointment as Adjutant-General to the Forces.

The Queen of Norway visited Their Majesties and remained to luncheon.

MARLBOROUGH HOUSE, Wednesday.

Queen Mary, attended by the Dowager Countess of Airlie, visited the sale in aid of the Personal Service League at Londonderry House, Park lane, this afternoon.

The Duke of Kent was present at a dinner given by Lord Louis Mountbatten in connection with the Royal Naval Film Corporation, at Brook House, London, on Tuesday night.

The Duchess of Hamilton will join the Duke of Hamilton at Dungavel, Lanarkshire, for Christmas.

The Dowager Countess of Cadogan and Lady Alex. Cadogan will leave London early next week for Soutn Arney, Gloucestershire, to spend Christmas with the Earl and Countess of Cadogan.

Viscountess Castlereagh returned to London on Tuesday from the country.

Viscount and Viscountess Allendale will spend Christmas with the Dowager Viscountess Allendale at Bywell Hall, Stocksfield-on-Tyne, Northumberland.

Lady Edward Spencer-Churchill returned to London on Tuesday from Paris. She will spend Christmas at Cowdray Park.

Viscount de Vesci celebrated his fifty-sixth birthday yesterday.

Lord and Lady Maud Carnegie have arranged to spend Christmas in Scotland.

Lord Robert Crichton-Stuart joined Lady Robert Crichton-Stuart in London yesterday on his return from Tangiers.

Lord Charles Hope and Lord John Hope are leaving England for India to-day, and will be away for three months.

Lady Hemphill returned to 28 Fitzwilliam place at the beginning of the week from the United States.

Sir Robert and Lady Kindersley have arranged to spend Christmas at Plaw Hatch, East Grinstead.

Sir Thomas Molony left Ireland for England on Monday.

The engagement is announced of John D. Fitzgerald, County Registrar for Carlow, son of the late John Fitzgerald and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Noremount, Kilkenny, to Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Phelan, St. Catherine's, Ailesbury road, Dublin.

The engagement is announced between James Kenneth, son of Professor and Mrs. J. F. Craig, of 225 Queen's Drive, Guildford, Liverpool, and Cecilia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Huggard, of 2 Morehampton road, Dublin.

The Queen's County Hunt Ball is to be held on December 31st at Stradbally Hall, Queen's County (by kind permission of Captain and Mrs. Cosby). Peter Keogh's Band. Tickets, 25s. (before Christmas, 22s. 6d.), can be had from Mrs. Cosby.

Switzers Christmas Window Displays are proving a great attraction for shoppers in Grafton street . . . a fascinating array of Gift suggestions that is well worth seeing, especially if one seeks something really novel.

At Holmes', George's street — Boxes of Gloves, Stockings, Handkerchiefs, Scarves, Belts, Neckwear, Men's Ties and Socks. Speciality post orders.

'Chilprufe' Underwear for Ladies, Children and Men. Illustrated Price Lists on request.—Holmes', George's street.

Harriett H. Ayer's Personal Representative is now at Maguire's Pharmacy, Grafton street. She will give you valuable advice on the Care of the Skin.

Margaret Watson has received advance models of Evening and Day Dresses, Ensembles and Woollen Frocks in the latest colourings. Attractive Christmas Presents. Scarves, Sweaters and Cardigans.—17A Dawson street.

L. Murphy (S. B. Latimer, Prop.), 146 Lr. Baggot st. ('phone 62275), has large variety of Maids' Apron Sets, Frocks, etc., in stock

A Morgan Hat is the best Christmas Gift for him.—19 Duke street.

Slenderising Evening Gown in Blackberry Slipper Satin, with corsage embroidery of crystal and silver, 7½ gns., at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street, Dublin.

PASSENGERS BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Among the arrivals were:—Mr. C. Smyth, Mr. H. Hughes, Miss B. Alton, Miss Chaloner, Miss Elgee, Miss Maureen Ball, Master Toucy Ball, Miss N. Ball, Miss P. T. Cotton, Miss S. H. Waldon, Miss J. G. Harper, Major P. Moffett, Miss S. McCann, Mr. James Comyn, Mrs. B. Rochfort, Miss Maureen Kelly, Mr. Fetherstonhaugh.

Among the departures were:—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Montgomery, Captain and Mrs. R. G. Strong, Mrs. L'Estrange Nelgan, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ryan, Mrs. Frank Sykes.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Among the arrivals were:—Lord Gormanstown, Mr. and Mrs. Beatty, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Wright, Mr. W. Duggan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Moore, Dr. Bergan, Mr. Warburton, Mr. Scott, Mr. H. K. Thompson, Mr. Dowling, Miss Lamb, Miss Reeves, Miss Kinselia, Miss Culhane, Miss M. E. Stewart, Judge Sherlock, Mrs. S. L. Parker, Mr. King, Miss Egan, Miss Bromley, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Woodal, Mr. Kent, Miss Barton, Miss Woolfe, Miss Cagney, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ross, Miss Hammond, Miss Nesbitt, Miss Crowe.

Among the departures were:—Mr. G. Horrocks, Mr. C. H. Bill, Mr. R. Dunphy, Captain Lorin, M. A. Scroope, Mr. P. Purcell, Professor Lambert-Rogers, Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitcroft, Miss D. W. M. Knowles, Mr. Dryden, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Stewart, Dr. Duffy, Mr. J. Lawson, Miss E. Moore, Mr. D. Glasgow, Mr. Schonfield, Mr. E. Delaney, Mr. H. B. White, Mr. G. Collopy, Mrs. C. Grehan, Mr. Tarry, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. J. Henry, Mr. W. Miller, Mr. G. Gamble, Dr. McFeely, Mr. R. Bibby, Mr. Douris, Mr. S. Halligan, Mr. S. Byrne, Mr. McNamara, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. King, Mr. F. Hayes, Mrs. Woodall, Miss Jackson, Miss Julian, Miss D'Arcy, Miss Meldon, Mrs. Bowen, Mr. Young, Mr. J. C. Crawford.

PASSENGERS BY AIR.

Arrivals at Baldonnel:—Mr. Robert Holthoser, Mr. J. E. Carten, Mr. and Mrs. Burrell.

Departures from Baldonnel:—Mr. A. C. Flynn, Miss Gertrude Fergerl.

Gifts that will be really useful—See Stephens and Bourke, Shoemakers, 26 Stephen's Green and Branches.

TO LADIES.—Ladies' Department for Medical Appliances, Artificial Silk Elastic Stockings, or Lastex and Latestar Stockings, stretching both ways. Fannin and Co., 41 Grafton street.

Sharpleys, Specialists Baby Linen, Nursery Accouchement Sets. Price List.—2 Nassau St., Dublin.

WEATHER FORECAST

General Inference.—A complex depression covering the North Sea will fill up, and a wedge of high pressure will move eastwards from the Atlantic. There will be periods of rain or snow at first in Northern and Eastern districts, but weather will generally become drier, though there will be local fog early in the East.

Ireland.—Fresh north or north-west winds, moderating and backing; mainly fair, after local showers at first; becoming milder.

Sea Passages.—Fresh or strong north winds, moderating later; occasional showers; visibility mainly good; sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers. — 12 Suffolk street, Dublin. —(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Day	Bar	Thermometer: 9 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain m.m.	Sun hours
9	[illegible]	31.2	38	29	25	W	5.6	0.0
10	[illegible]	39.3	40	29	28	W.	3.0	0.0
11	[illegible]	33.7	38	33	31	W.	3.4	0.3
12	29.404	39.8	40	30	28	E.S.E.	0.2	0.0
13	[illegible]	35.0	42	28	33	W.	1.5	0.0
14	[illegible]	36.9	39	33	32	N.W.	4.4	0.0
15	29.670	34.8	39	34	28	W.	0.6	0.2

LONDON LETTER

LONDON'S REPLY TO TOKYO

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

THE Cabinet sat for two hours this morning to consider the statement which it intended to send to the Japanese Government, following the attack on the British gunboats on the Yangtse on Sunday. Not long after the Cabinet had risen Mr. Eden went over to the House of Commons to tell the members that a Note was to be sent to Tokyo. He referred to the "profound apology" submitted by the Japanese Government, and went on to add that, while the British Government were acknowledging the Note containing this, they were drawing attention to recent grave incidents not covered by the Note, and asking that action shall be taken to ensure that there shall be no repetition of these incidents. Earlier in the proceedings Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher asked the Prime Minister about the advisability of reinforcing the China Squadron, and was assured by Mr. Chamberlain that he might rest assured that protection of British interests in the Far East is the Government's constant preoccupation.

Apology after Apology

Members of Parliament, naturally, take a keen interest in the Note addressed by the Government to Tokyo, and this afternoon the view seemed to be that the Note should be couched in language that cannot possibly be misunderstood. It was remarked to me that Signor Mussolini seems to have set a fashion that other nations think they can emulate with impunity. Provocative incidents take place in rapid succession, and apology follows without delay, but this does not prevent a repetition of the incidents whenever occasion serves. It is clear that all the ships, British and American, were clearly marked with their national emblems on Sunday last, but this did not save them, since the aeroplanes approached so close that they machine-gunned the crews.

Thanks to the Navy

It is understood that the British Government has received a cheque for nearly three thousand pounds from the Irish Free State Government to cover the expenses incurred by the British Navy when the Irish Free State citizens who volunteered to fight in Spain were evacuated. Mr. de Valera has already expressed thanks and appreciation for the services of the British Navy. All the Irish Free State citizens who were in Spain at the beginning of the civil war, and with whom their Government were able to establish contact, were warned that they should leave Spain, because it was impossible to give them protection should the fighting become general, and among those who left the country were many nuns of the Loreto and other Orders. It will be recalled that Mr. de Valera, in the Dail in November last year, said that a number of Irish Free State citizens had been evacuated from Spain, and he was glad to have the opportunity of expressing publicly appreciation and thanks for the work done by the British naval and consular services, while any expenses incurred by the evacuation would be refunded by his Government.

Conservatives at Dinner

At the House of Commons to-morrow evening the London Conservative members are to give a dinner to the Prime Minister, when Sir George Harvey will be in the chair. The dinner will be a private function, and, though the members who will be present would very much like to know what are the ideas of Mr. Chamberlain in regard to the reform of the Conservative organisation for parliamentary and municipal elections in London, they are not likely to be satisfied. Mr. Chamberlain may give them an interesting address, following the example of Lord Baldwin, who, at similar functions, often made speeches of a character different from those he made in public, his private remarks being of an extraordinarily free nature, inasmuch as he knew that his confidence would be respected. Mr. Chamberlain, it is known, has the intention of setting up a committee of inquiry into the Conservative organisation in London, and in these circumstances it is unlikely that he will refer to the matter to-morrow.

Liberal Petition

The Liberals are arranging a demonstration through the leading thoroughfares on Saturday afternoon to make a protest against the increase in food prices, when ten private cars will carry people who will endeavour to obtain signatures for a petition. The procession, arranged by the London Liberal Federation, starts from opposite the House of Commons at mid-day, and each of the cars will be decorated with posters proclaiming the object of the demonstration. In addition, many of the football grounds around London will be picketed by canvassers, who will invite the spectators to sign the petition while they are waiting for the gates to be opened. Eight shops, to be used as signing depots for the petition, will be opened shortly in different parts of London. When the petition is ready for presentation to the House of Commons Sir Archibald Sinclair will take charge of it, and introduce it. What the Liberals hope to obtain by this proceeding nobody knows, as it is patent to most people that the Government has nothing to do with the increase in food prices, and can do little to alter matters.

School for Pilots

Imperial Airways have established an Advanced School for their pilots, which will form in effect a training ground for commanders on the future North Atlantic and other ocean air routes now under investigation. The new school is part of a training organisation built up by Imperial Airways over several years, and is assuming the proportions and importance of an aeronautical university. Here in the class rooms of this organisation Imperial Airways' pilots become pupils once more. Only serving officers of experience, and who possess second class air navigator's licences, will be eligible for the Advanced School. These men will be drawn mainly from the first officers on the Empire flying boats. They will be coached for their first class navigator's licence—the hall mark of a first class pilot. Without it an officer on the flying staff of an air company is not permitted by Air Ministry regulations to be in charge of a passenger-carrying aircraft operating over more than 600 miles of water. This licence will consequently be a necessary qualification for all Imperial Airways commanders engaged on the future North Atlantic and other extended marine routes, and it is from the ranks of the pupils at this Advanced School that these commanders will be mainly drawn.

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	8.34	8.35
Sets	4. 7	4. 7
Lighting-up Time	4.37	4.37

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

Morning	9.54	10.41
Evening	10.18	11.17

AT OTHER PORTS.

	Morning.	Evening.
Belfast	9. 4	9.32
Cork	3.39	4. 5
Drogheda	9.42	10. 6
Dundalk	9.39	10. 3
Galway	3.14	3.45
Limerick	4.44	5.15
Londonderry	6.26	6.57
Sligo	4. 5	4.31
Waterford	4.40	5. 6
Wexford	4.30	4.56

JAPANESE STILL ADVANCING

Preparations to Attack Canton

NAVAL VESSELS NOW ACTIVE

Foreigners Safe in Nanking

THE latest news from China seems to indicate that the Japanese are preparing to attack Canton when the offensive at Nanking (where all foreigners are reported to be safe) has ended.

Japanese naval vessels, states a Reuter message from Hong Kong, are active in that area, and an unconfirmed report says that twelve transports, laden with troops, are approaching Towshan, 150 miles south-west of Hong Kong, near the scene of the previous landings. Fifty thousand troops are rumoured to be preparing to sail from Shanghai for the South.

The new Provisional Government in Peking is reported to be planning to open negotiations with the Customs Commissioner in Tientsin, with a view to taking over all the Customs stations in North China. These have an approximate revenue of 44,000,000 dollars annually, and are security for all Chinese foreign loans.

THE BRITISH NOTE

The British Government, in a strong Note of protest to Japan over the recent attacks on British warships and merchant shipping, demands measures to stop the incidents, and says that adequate punishment of those responsible seems to be the only method by which further outrages can be prevented.

Britain continues to work in close collaboration with America, and the full text of the British Note was telegraphed to Washington for the information of the United States Government.

The concern of members of Parliament ove rthe incidents was responsible for a number of questions in the House of Commons, and the Government, states the Press Association Lobby Correspondent, has decided that there shall be a debate on the Far East situation next Tuesday.

GREATER NAVAL STRENGTH

There is likely to be a call for strengthening the naval squadron in Chinese waters, a matter raised in the House yesterday, when the Prime Minister stated that the protection of British interests was the subject of constant pre-occupation.

The United States has, according to a Reuter message from Washington, forty warships, including six river gunboats similar to the ill-fated Panay, in Chinese and Philippine waters. Officers and men number 4,800.

RUMOURS OF TRANSPORTS LANDING

Reports from Canton, which cannot be confirmed at present, state that twelve Japanese transports, laden with troops, and a strong naval escort are approaching Towshan, 150 miles south-west of Hong Kong, near the scene of the previous Japanese landings.

Indications of Japanese naval activities in waters adjacent to Hong Kong and raids near the colony's boundary lend strength to the rumour of an approaching attack on South China.

Three Japanese 'planes bombed Shumchun, on the border of the British leased territory of Kowloon—the mainland portion of Hong Kong—yesterday, says a Hong Kong Press Association Foreign Special telegram.

Their objectives appeared to be the bridge over the Shumchun River connecting Chinese and British territory, and the wireless station on the Chinese side. There are as yet no details of the damage.

British naval circles are deeply interested in the rumours of an invasion of Canton, but they say that it is most unlikely that an attacking force would approach from the direction of the island of Hairan, as reported. However, some such development in South China is not unexpected.

GETTING READY

Fifty thousand Japanese troops are rumoured to be already preparing to sail South and invade Canton, says a Shanghai telegram.

It is expected, however, that the Japanese will wait for at least a fortnight after the capture of Nanking before resuming operations.

Alternatively, they may make a drive towards Hankow in two lines—from the North and along the Yangtse—but observers believe they would sooner tackle South China first.

There are also some signs that they may make a determined effort to capture Hangchow, capital of Chekiang—the other province south of Kiangsu at the mouth of the Yangtse—which alone remains in Chinese hands.

The Japanese are already busily repairing the Shanghai-Hangchow railway, but they would have to bring up rolling stock, as the Chinese took it all away.

NEW GOVERNMENT

Telegrams from Tientsin say that the new Provisional Government in Peking is planning to open negotiations with the Customs Commissioner in Tientsin with a view to taking over all the Customs stations in North China. These have an approximate revenue of 44,000,000 dollars annually. A Domei Agency message says that the leaders of the Provisional Government expect a formal Government to take its place before long.

The Peace Maintenance Commission in Tientsin has been disbanded, and re-named the Municipal Government of Tientsin under the Provisional Government, with Kao Ling-wei, the former Chairman, as its Mayor.

MANCHUKUO

Recognition of Manchukuo will be among the foremost of the acts of the Provisional Government in Peking, the military spokesman in Mukden announced.

He added that he believed the organisation of the new Government meant a permanent shift of the capital back from Nanking to Peking.

"HELL ON EARTH"

While the main body of the survivors of the ill-fated U.S. gunboat Panay and American tankers are being slowly conveyed along the fog-enshrouded Yangtse to Shanghai, three already in the Country Hospital there have described in vivid detail their awful experiences.

The men were brought to Shanghai by a Japanese flying boat from Wuhu, to which they made an exhausting trek over open country from Hohsien, the scene of the bombing of the American vessels on Sunday. They arrived unexpectedly on Tuesday night. One of them is Fireman Hodge, of the Panay.

Suffering severely from shock, and confined to bed aboard the American flagship Augusta, he has given a description of the bombing to Admiral Yarnell, Commander of the U.S. Fleet, for transmission to Washington. He is not allowed to see interviewers.

The U.S. Oahu and shell-scarred British Yangtse gunboat Ladybird, with their tragic cargo of dead, wounded, and others suffering from shock, anchored for the night below Nanking on Wednesday night.

TRAGIC PROCESSION

The Japanese mine sweepers and other Japanese warships convoying them on the 250-mile journey, anchored too. A number of British ships, tugs and lighters, trailing behind this tragic procession, also stopped. These vessels, bottled up in the Yangtse by the Chekiang and Kiangyin booms, are navigating the lower reaches of the river for the first time for four months.

Mr. James Marshall, of Tennessee, one of three to arrive by the Shanghai 'plane last night, was aboard the Panay when the first bomb to strike her hit her forecastle. His arm in a sling, and wearing a bath-robe and a Japanese navy blanket, he had to be assisted from the seaplane. He went first to the Cathay Hotel to see his wife, and she accompanied him later to hospital.

Mr. F. H. Vines, of Virginia, another to make the air trip from Wuhu, said: "I can still hear the roar of 'planes power diving, letting loose hell on earth with their bombs.

"I can still see the horrible sights they caused. I am trying hard to forget."

Fireman Hodge was aboard the Meian at the time of the bombing, chatting with the captain. As a bomb struck the tanker and set it on fire, Carlson turned the wheel over to him and said, "Beach the ship." Then, like a man inspired, Skipper Carlson joined the crew to fight the flames.

The seaplane also brought to Shanghai Flag-Captain G. E. M. O'Donnell, who was wounded in the attack on H.M.S. Ladybird, and was picked up at Hohsien. O'Donnell was taken immediately to hospital for an X-ray for the removal of a shell splinter from his arm.

LADYBIRD ATTACK

The Japanese opened fire on the Ladybird, he said, from a range of 4,000 yards as she was going to protest against them firing on the British tug Tsingtah. They kept on firing until within 1,000 yards range. Then they saw the Ladybird was not a Chinese ship.

"It was luckily disgraceful gunnery, otherwise they would have registered

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U.S. WARSHIPS

According to Navy Department records forty warships of the Asiatic Fleet, including six river gunboats, similar to the Panay, are now stationed in Chinese and Philippine waters. Officers and men of the fleet number 4,800, says a Reuter Washington telegram.

Japanese Warned

British Note Presented

Grave Issues Raised

Demand for New Assurances

THE British Note to Japan, a copy of which was issued last night, refers categorically to attacks on British ships made by Japanese forces.

The Note expresses the pleasure of the British Government at receiving apologies and a guarantee to prevent recurrence from the Japanese Government for the attacks on British war vessels, but demands a similar apology and assurance with regard to attacks on merchant shipping.

In conclusion, the Note states that previous assurances by the Japanese that they had taken steps to prevent such attacks in the future had not been carried out effectively, and asks to be informed that measures have now actually been taken to prevent a recurrence of incidents such as those of which the British Government complain.

The text of the Note is as follows:—

"I have the honour of instructions from His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to address Your Excellency on the subject of the attacks made by Japanese aircraft and land forces on British warships and merchant shipping at Wuhu and near Nanking on the 12th December.

GRAVE ISSUES

"These incidents clearly raise grave issues. At Wuhu a British tug which had conveyed from Nanking His Majesty's Consul, the British Military Attaché and the Flag Captain to the British Rear-Admiral, Yangtse, was attacked by Japanese machine-gun fire after transferring these officers to H.M.S. Ladybird. The latter proceeded to join the tug in order to protect her when she observed a Japanese field gun battery firing on merchant ships concentrated above the Asiatic Petroleum Company's installation. Firing continued, and was directed at H.M.S. Ladybird herself. There were four direct hits on this vessel; one naval rating was killed, another was seriously wounded, and there were minor casualties, including the Flag Captain. A direct hit was also seen to be sustained by the British merchant ship Suivo.

WARSHIPS FIRED ON

"H.M.S. Bee then arrived on the scene, and was also fired on by the shore battery. The commander of H.M.S. Bee landed to protest, and was informed by Colonel Hasnimoto, the senior Japanese military officer then at Wuhu, that the firing on the warships was due to a mistake, but that he had orders to fire on every ship on the river. At a later interview the same officer stated categorically that if any ships moved on the river they would be fired on, and, despite protests, His Majesty's ships Bee and Ladybird, after berthing, remained covered by guns at point-blank range.

Near Hsia-Sanshan, above Nanking, where British merchant ships were concentrated, in a part of the river previously designated by the Japanese Commander-in-Chief as a safety zone, three separate bombing attacks were made by Japanese aircraft on them, and on His Majesty's ships Cricket and Scarab which were with them.

His Majesty's Government have now been glad to receive Your Excellency's Note of December 14, offering the profound apology of the Imperial Japanese Government for the attacks on His Majesty's ships, stating that measures were immediately taken to prevent a recurrence of such incidents, and adding that they will deal suitably with those responsible and pay the necessary compensation.

MERCHANT SHIPS

His Majesty's Government observe that Your Excellency's Note makes no mention of the attacks on British merchant vessels, and I am instructed to request that an assurance may be given that all that is said in that Note applies equally to these attacks.

His Majesty's Government take particular note of the statement that those responsible will be suitably dealt with. Adequate punishment of those responsible for the particular attacks under discussion seems indeed to His Majesty's Government to be the only method by which further outrages can be prevented.

His Majesty's Government cannot but recall previous incidents in which the Japanese Government have expressed regret for attacks made on British vessels and property, and have given assurances that adequate steps had been taken to prevent any repetition. They call to mind the attack made on His Majesty's Ambassador in China while travelling by road from Nanking to Shanghai, the subsequent attack on motor cars conveying British officials on a similar journey, attacks on British civilians and military posts on the defence perimeter at Shanghai, as well as other incidents, and the repeated assurances of the Japanese Government of their intentions fully to respect the interests of third Powers in the present conflict with China.

INADEQUATE STEPS

It is clear that the steps hitherto taken by the Japanese Government to prevent such attacks have, so far, failed in that purpose, and His Majesty's Government must now ask to be informed that measures have actually been taken of a character which will put a definite stop to the incidents of which they complain.

STRUGGLE FOR MADRID

CITY SHELLED AGAIN

Renewal of warfare near Madrid is reported in a Spanish Press Agency's Madrid telegram, received by Reuter in London. It says:—Several shells fell on Madrid yesterday morning, and there was an artillery duel lasting about an hour last afternoon.

On Tuesday night intense rifle and machine-gun fire was opened by the insurgents on Republican positions south-west of Madrid without any consequences. Yesterday morning a great explosion was heard in the insurgent camp in the Carabanchel, Usera and Villaverde sector, and flames were seen rising high into the air. A munition dump near the village of Legane is believed to have exploded.

DELBOS AT BUCHAREST

A picture taken during the Rumanian stage of the recent diplomatic tour of M. Yvon Delbos, French Foreign Minister. From left are: M. Thierry (French Ambassador at Bucharest), King Carol II. of Rumania and M. Delbos.

DAYS LOST IN TRADE DISPUTES

Answering Mr. McGilligan (U.I., Dublin, N.W.), in the Dail yesterday, Mr. Lemass said that the number of working days lost in trade disputes during certain months in 1937 were:—

January	7,069
February	13,692
March	18,869
April	245,342
May	322,335
June	322,282
July	254,120
August	236,412
September	240,946

FROM "THE TIMES"

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.)

THE NOTE TO JAPAN

The Times remarks in a leading article to-day:—The British Note to Japan, which, after the text had been communicated yesterday to Washington, was delivered in Tokyo this morning, will hardly make agreeable reading to those to whom it is addressed. With studied moderation, it sets forth the circumstances in which attacks were made last Sunday by the Japanese armed forces on British warships and merchantmen in the Yangtze (the mere recital of those circumstances is a damning indictment of Japanese responsibility), and it proceeds to demand both the punishment of the men responsible and assurances that steps have "actually" been taken to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents. The Note also refers to the inadequacy and failure of the measures hitherto taken by the Japanese Government to make good their solemn undertakings. Tokyo will not be far wrong if it detects scathing implications in this document, nor misled if it attaches importance to the close Anglo-American co-operation surrounding the dispatch of both the British and the American protests.

The Japanese Navy's official explanation of the sinking of the Panay and the other incidents of last Sunday gives an unconvincing and discreditable account of the activities of the airmen concerned. But it now appears that the Panay was not only bombed from the air, but machine-gunned, and ultimately boarded, by Japanese soldiers in motor boats after she had been abandoned by her crew. This information bears out the impression made by Colonel Hashimoto's men, who fired on British gunboats at Wuhu, at a range of 400 yards. There are only two possible deductions to be drawn from all this hooliganism. It may have been the result of a deliberate attempt by responsible military and naval officers to destroy neutral shipping on the Yangtse—possibly by way of testing the reactions of the Powers concerned, as they tested Russia's on the Amur before launching the North China campaign. If, on the other hand, the incidents were not deliberate, then it must be concluded that—save for a small civilised upper class—no Japanese can be trusted to carry firearms, even in the Emperor's service, because he is too ignorant and too irresponsible not to run amok without provocation. It cannot be a source of satisfaction to the better type of Japanese that there is no alternative to these deductions, and the fact that no fewer than thirteen apologies have already been proffered to the two Governments concerned, and to their various representatives, is a sufficient indication of the state of mind of responsible statesmen in Tokyo.

Some doubt about the existence of responsible statesmanship even there was, perhaps, in Mr. Roosevelt's mind when he addressed himself to the Emperor, presumably in an endeavour to establish contact with some source of authority which could not be ignored, disowned or flouted with impunity. Two days ago the Japanese Premier was informing the world that the Government of China "has become a shadow without power," and that Japan accordingly declined to recognise it. It might be retorted that the Government of China has at least shown a proper respect for international law, and a complete ability to control the forces under its command.

COMPANY LOSES £1,000,000

LUCKY SHAREHOLDERS GET 8D. FOR 5S.

It is estimated that there will be a million pounds loss to shareholders of Scottish Amalgamated Silks, Ltd., who will receive only £100,000 back from their capital investment of £1,295,000.

In their seventh annual report the joint liquidators stated that they would soon be in a position to pay a final dividend to the holders of the Preferred-Ordinary shares of twopence per five-shilling share, which, with the first payment made a year ago, makes a total of eightpence per share. Deferred shareholders who had put £370,000 into the business will not get a penny back, as the Preferred-Ordinary shareholders cannot be paid in full.

It was stated that, despite widespread advertising, about five hundred shareholders in the company had not come forward to claim £3,800 in dividends which has been awaiting them for over a year. This sum, if unclaimed, cannot be put into the general distribution, and will have to be placed in the custody of an accountant of the Court.

MILK MAY BE DEARER

PRODUCERS SEEK HIGHER PRICE

APPLICATION TO MILK BOARD

INCREASE OF 4D. A GALLON DEMANDED

THE citizens of Dublin are faced with a probable increase in the price of milk early in the New Year.

The Milk Producers' Association intends to apply to the Minister for Agriculture through the Milk Board for an increase of fourpence per gallon on the existing price, which is fixed by Ministerial Order on the recommendation of the Board.

The present prices per gallon, under the Order, are 1s. 0½d. to wholesalers and 1s. 2½d. to retailers, collected on the farm, and 1s. 1½d. to wholesalers and 1s. 3½d. to retailers, delivered to the premises. The price to consumers is 2½d. per pint in some cases, but generally 3d. per pint (loose) and 3½d. per bottle.

Should the application be granted the new price probably would be 7½d. or 8d. per quart.

COST OF PRODUCTION

Higher costs of production are to be relied upon in support of the application. Dairy farmers claim that a better return is necessary to meet increased prices for feeding stuffs and the burdens imposed by recent legislation, such as the Dairy Produce (Amendment) Act, 1937, whose provisions demand improved buildings, utensils and dairy equipment, and the Agricultural Labourers' Wages Act, which falls heavily in some cases, while in others not governed by the Act there have been advanced labour costs as a result of trade union action.

OBJECTION TO INCREASE

It will be remembered that in September last, when an effort was made by the producers to bring the existing winter prices into operation earlier than was anticipated, the move was strongly resisted by the Dublin vendors, and for a time a doubtful situation regarding the city's milk supplies was created. Although no official decision regarding their attitude towards the pending application has yet been taken, it is likely that the vendors will strongly oppose it on the grounds that they hesitate to impose further demands on an already hard-pressed community. It was evident from opinions expressed at a meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee, representing all sections of the trade, held this week, that there is a strong body of opinion averse to any increase. The large distributors, while agreeing that there is some case for an improved price, are not identifying themselves officially with either side.

DISTRIBUTORS' VIEWS

Prominent Dublin distributors were slow to offer any views on the possibilities. Mr. Hatch (Messrs. Hatch and Son), Lower Leeson street, admitted that the cost of production had gone up; that the tendency had been upwards for a good while back, and that conditions were continuing to develop on the same lines. He could not offer an opinion as to what was likely to happen in the new year, but thought it worth noting that the price in Dublin compared unfavourably with that in existence in England, where milk was 7½d. per quart.

Another leading distributor stated that they did not want to see any increase, and that they did not think there was any real reason why there should be. There had been a slight increase in prices of feeding stuffs, and possibly legislation had added something further, but it was doubtful if it would justify an increase to the consumers. There might, he added, be an increase later on owing to the heavy expenses being borne by distributors, who had to pay increased wages.

CLERGYMAN INJURED IN BELFAST

FELL AND BROKE HIS ARM

Alderman the Rev. H. D. Longbottom, of Liverpool, fell and broke his left arm in Belfast last night when on his way to address an Ulster Protestant League meeting.

The broken limb was set by a doctor, and Mr. Longbottom then went to the meeting and gave an address with his arm in a sling.

He was involved in a motor car crash in Liverpool on Tuesday, but escaped with a shaking.

M. DELBOS IN PRAGUE

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PRAGUE, Wednesday.

M. Delbos, the French Foreign Minister, arrived here to-day, following his visits to Warsaw, Bucharest and Belgrade. He was met at the station by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Krofta, and on his way through the streets, which were decorated with French flags, was warmly cheered.

To-morrow M. Delbos will be received by the President, Dr. Benes, and by Dr. Hodza, the Prime Minister. He will leave for Paris on Saturday.

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

WHY NETTING WAS PUT UP

MESSAGES GIVEN TO VISITOR

DOCUMENTS, partly in code, slipped by a prisoner to a woman visitor, which were captured from Mr. Maurice Twomey, Chief of Staff of the I.R.A., led to the erection of a netting between prisoners and their visitors, it was stated by Mr. Frank Aiken, Minister for Defence, in an interview with Press representatives last night, when the Minister replied to statements made by Mr. Twomey following his release from the Curragh Camp this week.

Mr. Twomey and ten other prisoners who were serving varying sentences of imprisonment at the Curragh imposed on them by the Military Tribunal, were freed on Tuesday last, and, following their release, Mr. Twomey criticised prison conditions, alleging that visits had been stopped since last December, that the prisoners were not allowed books, that they were not allowed clothing, and that the main charge against six prisoners still retained was the possession of arms.

The Minister described these allegations as "falsehoods," and said that the prisoners were free to receive one visit per month from a relative, and one additional visit every three months from a friend. Some of them, however, refused to accept visits because of the erection of the netting.

PORTION OF DOCUMENT

Portion of one of the documents captured from Mr. Twomey prior to the erection of the netting, read:—

"Use cigarette box on visit, or match-box if message small. Put out cigs. on table and offer me to smoke. Look out for me to transfer different package or match-box. Tinfoil can cover message and be sure to have some cigs. in it."

The statement that the prisoners were not allowed books was, the Minister said, a variation of a falsehood published in an article in a weekly paper of the 16th October last, to the effect that prisoners were refused permission to buy "The Irish Republic" (Dorothy McArdle) and "The Forged Casement Diaries" (Dr. Moloney). All the books in the official library were available to the prisoners, including some hundreds of books by Irish authors, which included the two books mentioned. The prisoners could also buy through the prison authorities any books which were not in the prison library, provided they were not banned under the Censorship of Publications Act. There had been difficulty from time to time in regard to the purchase of such books, but eventually they were procured in all cases where they were not out of print.

NO NEWSPAPERS

For a very good reason, the Minister added, newspapers and periodicals were not allowed. At all times the prisoners were allowed to receive or purchase clothing, and clothes and boots were supplied officially and at State expense to those who required them.

In regard to the statement that the main charge against the remaining prisoners was possession of arms, the Minister said the following were the principal charges against those still in custody:—

Michael Conway—Found guilty of murder.

Martin Calligan—Found guilty of firing with intent at a Volunteer and wounding him.

Martin O'Donnell (alias O'Leary)—Found guilty of firing at a Civic Guard with intent.

John Fitzsimons—Found guilty of firing at a Civic Guard and wounding him.

Thomas Grogan—Leader of a group found guilty of kidnapping and maltreating a youth.

John Hartnett—Found guilty of possession of firearms; formerly found guilty of blowing up a house with a land mine.

The Minister added that it was the intention of the authorities to retain these prisoners in view of the violence associated with the offences, and mentioned that those of the released prisoners who had been sentenced for violence had served the greater part of their sentences.

THE NEW CARDINALS

"TIMES" TELEGRAM.

ROME, Wednesday.

The five new Cardinals, including Cardinal Hinsley, received this afternoon from the hands of the Pope their copes, crucifixes and birettas in the presence of the Ambassadors and Ministers accredited to the Holy See and a large assembly of interested spectators.

TO-DAY'S CEREMONY

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

VATICAN CITY, Wednesday.

The Pope will to-morrow confer the Red Hat on Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, and the four other new Cardinals at the public Consistory in the Great Hall of the Benedictions at the Vatican. The solemn placing of the hat on the head of Cardinal Hinsley, who was named Cardinal at the private Consistory on Monday, will complete the ceremony of raising him to the rank of a Prince of the Church.

THE ARMY AND SECRET BODIES

MEMBERSHIP FORBIDDEN

COLUMBANUS KNIGHTS AND FREEMASONS

MINISTER'S VIEW OF BOTH SOCIETIES

MEMBERS of the Knights of Columbanus and of the Masonic Order may not be members of the Irish Free State Army, according to a statement made by Mr. Frank Aiken, Minister for Defence, during the discussion of the Defence Forces Bill in the Dail yesterday.

UNDERTAKING IN OATH

On the Committee stage of the bill, General McKEON (U.I., Athlone-Longford) moved an amendment to have included in the oath an undertaking not to belong to any political society or organisation or any secret society, or to join any other society or organisation without due permission.

Mr. AIKEN said he thought the point was covered by an amendment which he would move to insert a new section: "(1) No officer or soldier of the forces shall join or be a member or subscribe to any political society or organisation; (2) no officer or soldier of the forces or the Reserve shall join or be a member of or subscribe to any secret society."

General McKEON said there were lots of things that were prohibited that were sometimes done. No officer or soldier had gone through the Act when he joined the Army. By putting it into the oath it was brought to his notice on the first day he put on uniform.

"SECRET SOCIETY"

Mr. A. HERON (Lab., Dublin N.W.) said he wondered if the Minister would give the House some indication of what was in his mind by the term "secret society." He had a good deal of enthusiasm for preventing soldiers from being members of secret societies, and if he had his way he would prevent all citizens from being members of such societies. Did the term mean any organisation which held a secret meeting?

Mr. AIKEN said the meaning was well understood by everybody.

Mr. HERON pressed the Minister to give a definition. He asked were the Knights of Columbanus and the Freemasons secret organisations. Would the term cover both of them?

Alderman L. WALSH (U.I., Louth)—And several others.

Mr. AIKEN said he did not know whether they were covered by the expression, but they would be covered by the bill.

Alderman Walsh, whose interruption was made while the Minister was speaking, was understood to say something about Communism.

"VERY MYSTERIOUS"

Dr. O'HIGGINS (U.I., Leix-Offaly) asked what would be the objection to extracting this undertaking from the individual. There was something very mysterious about the matter. The Minister considered it inadvisable to ask for a declaration from officers and men that they would not belong to a political organisation or secret society. In the old oath the Parliament was referred to. They held their commissions from the Executive Council, and the higher officers held their appointments from the Executive Council. Now there was a change. Commissions were held from the elected President, not from Parliament or the Executive Council. In that set of circumstances the declaration or oath which they had previously taken, swearing obedience to the Parliament of the people, had been completely deleted from the present oath.

There were three significant deletions from the old oath—(1) the direct recognition of Parliament; (2) the direct declaration not to belong to a political organisation, and (3) the declaration not to belong to a secret society. He wanted the Minister to advance some reason for those very significant omissions. It might be quite a good reason, but that House was entitled to hear it.

MINISTER'S EXPLANATION

Mr. AIKEN said that the Defence Forces Bill came up there each year, and if the Dail did not pass it the Army would cease to exist. It was well known that it was from the Dail that the Army got its funds. The President, who was to be Commander-in-Chief, was to be elected by the people.

The question of leaving out of the oath reference to secret societies was not a matter of great moment at present. It was accepted by officers and men that they would not belong to any type of organisation of a secret character. That was in the Army regulations. The words in the oath were put in to meet a problem which existed at the time, but did not now exist. He thought a good case had been made for having the provision in the bill instead of in the oath, because they could not punish a member of the forces who broke his oath unless it was provided for in the bill.

THE OMISSIONS

Dr. O'HIGGINS said the omission of the words that used to be in the oath would have a certain significance in the minds of everyone. For some reason higher up it was considered unwise to link the mind of the soldier directly with obedience to Parliament. Was the Minister not prepared to admit that the danger of secret societies and political associations had been removed because of the form of declaration contained in the oath, but what guarantee had they that a Minister for Defence might not again be presented with a problem that might be prevented by the inclusion of a few words in the oath?

Mr. AIKEN said that if the amendments

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Mainly fair.

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he was proposing were adopted it would not be lawful for anyone to give permission to a soldier or officer to become a member of a political organisation.

KNIGHTS AND MASONS

Mr. A. HERON (Lab., Dublin) asked the Minister for a definition of "secret societies." Did he mean organisations such as the Masonic Order or the Knights of Columbanus, or were these secret societies?

The MINISTER said he would not consider them proper organisations for a soldier or officer to belong to.

The amendment was defeated by 62 votes to 34.

The MINISTER FOR DEFENCE moved an amendment to insert a new section that (1) no officer or soldier of the forces shall join or be a member of or subscribe to any political organisation or society; (2) no officer or soldier of the forces or the Reserve shall join or be a member of or subscribe to any secret society.

Mr. DAVIN (Lab., Leix-Offaly) said he was with the Minister in holding that no member of the Army or the Civil Service should be a member of a secret society.

Mr D. J. GOREY (F.G., Kilkenny) said there were two kinds of secret society —societies of a political tinge and societies for commercial reasons and personal gain.

Mr. HERON—They are more immoral still.

Mr. GOREY—Take the Knights of Columbanus and the Freemasons, and these are getting on at the expense of the general mass of the public and getting special privileges. They should not get it and should be put down by the State.

The amendment was agreed to, and the bill was passed all its stages.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA

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many more hits," Captain O'Donnell commented

THE CASUALTIES

A final list of casualties and survivors in the disaster issued by the Augusta yesterday gives the number of dead as three, seriously wounded four, not seriously wounded ten.

The return to Hohsien of the British landing party in the early hours with the survivors and dead of the Panay, has added another epic to the gallantry and fine record of the British Navy.

Carrying a portable radio, the rescuers were compelled to pass through a region where furious Sino-Japanese fighting was in progress. Stumbling on in the darkness over unfamiliar terrain, their own lives were endangered by cross-fire of the contending parties.

It is felt that the prompt arrival of Rear-Admiral Holt on board H.M.S. Bee, and his skilful direction of rescue operations, was largely responsible for the safety of the survivors.

TENSE SCENE IN COMMONS

JAPAN'S "PROFOUND APOLOGY"

Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary, told a tensely attentive House of Commons yesterday that a British Note now on its way to Tokyo demanded definite steps by Japan to prevent any further incidents. Japan realised, he added, that these incidents must impair relations between the two countries.

Mr. Eden read the text of a Japanese Note offering "a profound apology" for the bombing of His Majesty's ships Lady bird, Bee, Cricket, and Scarab.

Mr. Eden was asked by Mr. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, whether he had any further statement to make relative to the position in the Far East.

Mr. Eden—As the House will recall, immediately on the occurrence of the attacks on British shipping on the Yangtse, His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo made the strongest representations to the Japanese Government. The House will have seen that the Japanese Government on Tuesday addressed a Note to His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo concerning the attacks on His Majesty's ships.

JAPANESE NOTE

The following is the text of the Note:—

"Your Excellency — The Imperial Japanese Government deeply regret the occurrence of incidents in which His Majesty's ships Ladybird, Bee, Cricket, and Scarab were accidentally bombed on December 12 in the neighbourhood of Wuhu and Nanking, and I hereby offer a profound apology in their name.

"I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Imperial Government immediately took the necessary measures to prevent a recurrence of incidents of this nature, and to add that they will deal suitably with those responsible for the incidents immediately on completion of their investigation, and are also prepared to pay the necessary compensation for damage to your country.

"The Imperial Government earnestly hope that the occurrence of these unfortunate incidents will not impair the traditional friendship existing between our two countries."

THE BRITISH REPLY

His Majesty's Government are to-day sending a communication to the Japanese Government acknowledging the receipt of this Note, defining their attitude to the whole series of incidents, emphasising the seriousness of the situation which has thus been created, and to the requirements which, in their view, must flow from it. (Cheers.)

REVERSE FOR FRANCO?

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

MADRID, Wednesday.

Teruel, the Franco stronghold in Eastern Spain, has been cut off by rail from Saragossa, according to information received here, but not yet officially confirmed.

This report follows a push by Government forces after a long spell of quiet on this front.

Teruel, eighty-five miles north-west of Valencia, was the scene of bitter fighting during the summer, as the Government endeavoured to nip out the deep salient in the insurgent lines of which this city forms the apex.

GENEROUS GIFT TO BELFAST

£20,000 FOR NEW HOUSES

TO HELP LOWER PAID WORKERS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

A DONATION of £20,000 has been given by Mrs. Harold Barbour, of Lisburn, to the Belfast Council of Social Welfare to enable houses to be provided at less than the present economic rent for the families of lower-paid Belfast workers.

The gift, which follows many other donations made by Mrs. Barbour, is one of the most important ever given in connexion with social welfare work in Belfast.

A committee has been working out the details of a housing scheme made possible by the donation, and some of the houses will shortly be occupied by suitable tenants. The houses are of the working-class kitchen type, with three bedrooms, a bathroom, with hot and cold water, electric light, and a small garden, and will be let at rents which will be within the means of workers with families earning wages of not more than 45s. to 50s. per week.

PREVIOUS DONATIONS

Mrs. Barbour, who is a native of the United States, has been an active social worker in Northern Ireland for many years with her husband, Mr. Harold Barbour, a former member of the Northern Ireland Senate. Her previous donations include £10,000 to the Belfast Children's Hospital and £2,000 towards the cost of the centralisation of the cattle saleyard in Belfast to prevent cattle being driven through city traffic. A few weeks ago she presented Lisburn with a playing-field in memory of her nephew, a son of the Right Hon. J. Milne Barbour, Northern Ireland Minister of Commerce, who recently was killed in an aeroplane accident near Glasgow. Mrs. Barbour is at present on a visit to America

The Belfast Council of Social Welfare, expressing gratitude to Mrs. Barbour, states:—Mrs. Barbour, who is a member of the Belfast Council of Social Welfare, has made this splendid gift in order that at least a beginning may be made to deal with the housing problem in Belfast. She realises, however, that the scheme which her generous benefaction makes possible will only touch the fringe of the problem, and she expresses the hope that her action would stimulate public interest in the question and act as an example both to public authorities and other public spirited individuals who can afford to give money and are willing to promote the welfare of their native city.

MR. DE VALERA AND ITALY

BRITAIN'S POSITION

The diplomatic correspondent of the *Daily Mail* writes:—Surprise has been caused in London by Mr. de Valera's announcement that the new Irish Free State Minister to Italy is to be accredited to the King of Italy, as Emperor of Ethiopia. This is tantamount to recognition of Italy's conquest of Abyssinia, which, so far, has been withheld by the British Government.

It appears that the British Government was not informed of Mr. de Valera's intention, and I understand important constitutional problems are likely to arise.

Under the Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, credentials to foreign Powers are still signed by the King, from which is assumed some kind of association in foreign policy between Britain and the Free State.

When King Edward VIII. abdicated last December the King was removed from internal activities in the Irish Free State by the passing in the Dail of the Constitution (Amendment No. 27) Act. The Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, passed at the same time, governs the appointment of diplomatic representatives.

In the present circumstances the King, on the "advice" of Mr. de Valera, will be called on to sign the new Free State Minister's credentials, although his advisers in the British Government do not agree with the policy involved.

SIGNIFICANT STEP

In a leading article the *Daily Mail* remarks:—Italy's empire in Abyssinia is receiving diplomatic recognition by a growing list of world States. Mr. de Valera, who was President of the League of Nations Council in 1932, has just announced that when the Free State's Consulate in Rome is shortly raised to a Legation, the credentials of the Minister sent will be addressed to the King of Italy as Emperor of Ethiopia.

When certain Labour members of the Dail challenged this decision Mr. de Valera, referring to the fact that the Free State had been a party to the policy of sanctions, said: "But that failed, and was abandoned. Are we to wait indefinitely before we face the realities of the situation?"

That is a strictly common-sense view. Former adherence to sanctions has not deterred other members of the League, such as Switzerland, Hungary and Austria, from recognising Italy's new territory.

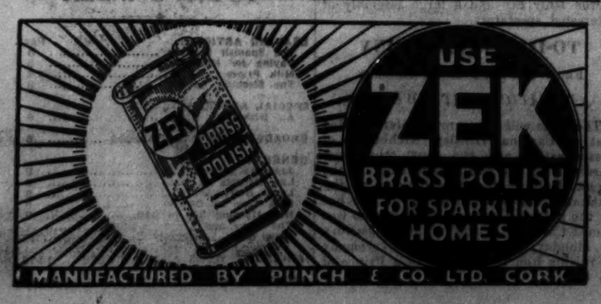
General recognition of "the realities of the situation" would be an important stage on the road to European appeasement.

TROLLEY 'BUS OVERTURNED

EIGHTEEN PASSENGERS SLIGHTLY INJURED

Eighteen passengers were slightly injured last night when a trolley 'bus overturned after running into a front garden in Wickham lane, Plumstead, London.

They were taken to St. Nicholas Hospital, where they were treated for cuts, bruises and shock.



THE STANDARD OF LIVING

MINISTER'S POLICY CRITICISED

BURDEN OF QUOTAS TARIFFS

DISCUSSION was resumed in the Dail last night on the motion deploring "the lowering of the standard of living of the community by Government action, through the operation of taxes, levies, duties, and like impositions on foodstuffs and other necessaries of life," and expressing the opinion that all such impositions should forthwith be abolished.

Mr. BROOKE BRASIER (U.I., Cork) said that the villain of the piece was the Minister for Industry and Commerce, who in 1932 embarked on a remarkable scheme for tariffing frantically every article that was imported into the country. The fact that at the present time they were collecting £11,000,000 at the ports was an indication that the policy of high tariffs had not been the success that was anticipated. Every form of implement connected with agriculture was tariffed, manures and feeding stuffs were tariffed, with the result that the farmers had had to increase their prices. The farmers have not benefited by the tariffs.

"As a result of the increase in the cost of living the salaries of civil servants had been increased. It had not been denied in that House that the cost of living had increased. The excuse was that the standard of living had gone up. That was a debatable point. In the case of the agricultural community it had not gone up. The present condition of affairs had made strong demands on the Boards of Assistance, even in cases where the number of persons applying for assistance was down by a thousand. Rents were going up, and rates probably would go up. The raisers of cattle had to bear the burden of the retention of the land annuities for those who did not raise cattle for export. In Cork they wer providing labourers' cottages at 1s. a week, and they could not collect that small rent. That indicated the position of the labouring man.

THE GROWING OF WHEAT

The DEPUTY SPEAKER called Mr. M. Corry to order for making interruptions.

Mr. BRAZIER said that the Minister for Agriculture said that they were getting £2,000,000 from wheat. He did not tell them that they were paying £5,000,000 in penal tariffs. He did not give them the acreage. When they were killing calves at the order of the Ministry they could buy them for 1s. 6d. That state of affairs could not go on. Was it not the people who were paying for the bounties and quotas? Should not the Minister for Agriculture have protected the farming industry from the impositions which were put on it? Was the country not in the toils of a policy of despair? Tariffs had worked in the case of the protection of some agricultural products, but against that there were farmers suffering by reason of the tariffs they had to pay upon products which they used, and who were not able to pay 24s. to their workers. Tillage without manure very quickly exhausted the soil.

The wheat policy had been carried out by the farmers to their detriment, and apparently there was to be no control of the flour millers.

THE COST OF LIVING

Mr. S. O'GRADY, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Lands, said that the cost of living figure when it was at its lowest during the previous administration was 92 (1931). In 1936 the cost of living figure was 91. Although there had been an increase in the cost of living figure during the last few years, it had not yet reached the lowest figure under the Cosgrave *régime*. The effect of tariffs during the last six years had been to increase the cost of living by only 2.1 per cent. Home consumption of pigs had increased from 482,000 in 1929-30 to 606,000 in 1934-35. Cattle consumption in the same period had risen from 122,000 to 211,000, and sheep from 504,000 to 536,000.

Mr. O'GRADY contrasted prices of commodities in this country and in England. Beef, he said in 1931 in England was 1s. 3½d. per lb., and in 1937 1s. 2½d. In this country the respective prices were 1s. 2½d. and 1s. 2d. per lb. Mutton in England in 1931 was 1s. 5½d., and in 1937 1s. 4½d. per lb. In this country the respective prices were 1s. 2½d. and 1s. 2d. In the same years the prices of bacon were 1s. 5½d. and 1s. 8½d. respectively, and in England 11d. and 1s. 3d. Butter in Great Britain in 1931 was 1s. 4½d. and in 1937 1s. 3½d. In the Free State the prices were 1s. 3½d. and 1s. 3½d., and to-day it was 1s. 3d.

CREATING A CRISIS

Mr. DAVIN (Labour, Leix-Offaly) said that the passing of this motion would create a first-class financial crisis in this State, and they (the Labour Party) would not be party to creating a crisis of that kind in this country. No matter what his politics, Deputy McGilligan had one of the most able brains in the House, and he was surprised that the deputy should have put his name to such a motion. It was the duty of present and future Governments to preserve the industries that had been established, especially those which absorbed the raw material from home sources.

Progress was reported, and the House adjourned until 3 p.m. to-day.

RESCUERS REACH CUT-OFF VILLAGE

NOW IT IS SNOWED UP AGAIN

Fifty men, working in relays, yesterday cut a trench through frozen snow from Fimber (Yorks) to the lonely little village of Thixendale, four miles away, which has been isolated by snow for a week. Snow fell heavily last night, and the village is again isolated, with enough food and fuel to last only two or three days. Lorries brought a ton of coal and a ton of food for the 100 inhabitants.

"We were out watching for the lorries from early yesterday," a reporter was told at Thixendale. "It was a race between the men cutting a track through the snow and the weather, as it was obvious that more snow was coming.

"When the lorries arrived we were down to our last day's supply of coal and one more day's supply of food.

"Now it is snowing again, a thick driving snow, and freezing hard. In a couple of hours we will be frozen in and isolated once more. It is more than two weeks since we last saw a bus here."

While this race against the weather was being carried out on the lonely Yorkshire moors, reports on road conditions in various parts of the country showed that many parts of Scotland were still frozen up, and road conditions generally were very bad, many roads being impassable. In Northern England snow still blocks roads or renders extreme care necessary.

For Southern England the A.A. report contains better news. All roads south of a line drawn from the Humber to the Bristol Channel are now clear of serious obstruction by snow or floods, with the exception of the Exmoor district. The Market Harborough to Melton Mowbray (Leicestershire) road is still icebound.

In Scotland, Westmorland, Northumberland, Durham, and in some districts of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Derbyshire, many roads are still blocked by snow and unfit for traffic, and the use of chains is essential, while in Wales the road between Dolgelley and Dinas Mawddwy and Bala-Ffestiniog are blocked by snow.

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NORTHERN ELECTIONS

PREPARING FOR SPRING CONTEST

LABOUR TO LOOK FOR MR. DE VALERA'S SEAT

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

ALL the political parties in Northern Ireland are preparing for the general election for the Ulster Parliament, which will take place early next year.

The Independent Unionist Party, which was recently formed, is preparing to put forward about fifteen candidates in opposition to the official Unionist members, including several of the Northern Cabinet.

The Northern Ireland Labour Party are to contest ten of the fifty-two seats. At present there are only two Labour members in the Northern Parliament. The party will contest seats not only in Belfast, but in the county divisions.

Among the seats which they decided last night to contest are those occupied by Mr. de Valera in South Down and Mr. Patrick MacLogan (Republican) in South Armagh.

A report that the Independent Unionists will co-operate with the Progressive Unionists is denied by the Independent Party leaders, who declare that they are making their own arrangements for the general election without forming a coalition with any other party. It is possible that the Independents may nominate a candidate for North Down in opposition to Viscount Craigavon, Prime Minister, and also a candidate in Belfast against Sir Dawson Bates, the Northern Minister of Home Affairs.

NEW SENATOR

The Right Hon. J. H. Robb, K.C., Northern Ireland Minister of Education, was to-day elected without opposition a member of the Northern Ireland Senate. He succeeds Viscount Charlemont, who recently resigned from the Ministry of Education owing to ill-health. Mr. Robb also will succeed Viscount Charlemont as leader of the Senate.

How Constitution Will Affect Dail

Changes Needed in Standing Orders

The coming into operation of the new Constitution on 29th of this month will require the alteration of various provisions in the Standing Orders of the Dail. These are now receiving the attention of the Committee of Privileges.

Some of the changes are already indicated by virtue of the provisions of the Constitution, such as the style "Taoiseach" for that of President of the Executive Council, and "Tanaiste" for the Vice-President. Other members of the Government may be referred to as such, but it is unlikely that the word "Minister" will be dropped altogether. For convenience, the title of "Minister for Finance," and similarly all other departments, will probably be retained.

There is a suggestion that the title "Deputy," now applied to members of the Dail, may be altered, but just what substitute will be found is not clear. The word "Deputy" may still be applied to a private member of the House.

The titles of "Ceann Comhairle" and "Leas Ceann Comhairle," as applied to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Dail, will probably be retained.

New Standing Orders will be required in connection with the provision in the Constitution that the new President may at certain times attend and deliver an address. Also in connection with the sending of messages to the Dail by the President.

There may also be a new provision requiring the making of a translation into English of every law enacted by the Oireachtas in the Irish language.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

GREENLAND'S DRIFT WESTWARD

The age of peat bogs, and "how it is that Belfast can compete successfully with the Scottish and North England shipyards," were among the subjects discussed at a meeting of the Geographical Society of Ireland, held in Dawson street, Dublin, last night.

Mr. A. Farrington presided.

Mr. F. Mitchell traced the discovery of peat from 9,000 B.C. through the Boreal, Atlantic sub-Boreal, and sub-Atlantic periods.

Mr. A. Mason, discussing the shipyards of Belfast, said that he did not think it could be said that they could compete successfully with these across the Channel, the principal reason being that they were over-capitalised immediately after the post-war boom. Shipbuilding in Belfast was not losing ground, because of its geographical position, but because of the political separation between Northern Ireland and Great Britain.

Professor L. B. Smyth dealt with the question: "Is North America drifting away from Europe?" He said that there was evidence that Greenland was shifting towards the West. Observations in 1870 showed this, but as it was felt that those observations might not be reliable, others were taken in 1907 and 1932. They showed that the island was moving, and geologists were satisfied that the movement was greater than any possible error. The shifting was estimated to be four metres per annum.

The Chairman spoke briefly on the origin of the gravel banks off the Wicklow and Wexford coasts and their future.

TEACHER FOUND BURNED TO DEATH

Police called to a house in Beaconsfield Villas, Brighton, yesterday, and found Miss Gertrude Margery Cunningham, aged about forty, a music teacher at Roedean School, lying dead, apparently from burns, on the floor of her bedroom.

It is thought that her clothing caught alight through coming into contact with an electric fire.

Miss Cunningham, a brilliant pianist, had taken part in a B.B.C. piano and violin recital. She was the daughter of a Brighton doctor, who died about twenty years ago.

Miss Cunningham was apparently seated at her writing desk waiting for a friend to call and take her to school by car.

Her eighty-one-year-old mother, who is lying ill in another room, heard no sound.

The tragedy was discovered by Mrs. Dutton, the occupant of a flat in the same house. After pushing the door open she saw Miss Cunningham lying behind the door; her clothes were smouldering, and she had apparently just managed to reach the door when she collapsed.

"I heard no cry, but I think Miss Cunningham would rather have died than disturb her sick mother," said Mrs. Dutton to a reporter. Two years ago Miss Cunningham's only brother died in South Africa

THE MONARCHIST PARTY

AN IRISH KING IN IRELAND

SYMBOL OF ABSOLUTE FREEDOM

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

WATERFORD, Wednesday.

"AN Irishman as King of Ireland would be to all the world a living symbol of our absolute freedom and sovereignty; of our separate existence as a nation, and to us, his people, he would be the living embodiment of the resurgent spirit of a long subjected nation. In him our loyalty to our country and our affection for our race would be centred," declared Mr. Vincent Wall, Dublin, when he addressed a gathering at the Adelphi Hotel, Waterford, to-night, on the aims and objects of the newly-established Irish Monarchist Party.

The Irish Monarchist Party, Mr. Wall explained, stands for the restoration of Ireland as an independent kingdom, governed by an Irish King and Parliament. Government should be suited to the character of those who live under it, and no system of government will ever succeed in Ireland except that created by the genius of the Irish people. Before invasion, the genius of the people evolved a system of government suited to the needs of the national mind and character. It consisted of the King known as Ard-Ri, and Parliament known as the Feis of Tara. It was a democracy, a government by public opinion, expressed by the free vote of the people.

UNITING THE PEOPLE

"We believe the restoration of this form of government, adapted to modern conditions, would give a new force and meaning to our national life, and would unite our people. The head of the State would be King. He would be an Irishman chosen by the Dail and elected to office for life. The King would enjoy privileges, but not the powers, conferred on the President under the new Constitution.

"Diplomatic representatives would be appointed to Northern Ireland, and Northern Ireland Peers would be invited to sit in our House of Lords. We would from the outset guarantee that both Irish Houses of Parliament would remain independent of one another, subject only to the King of Ireland. Besides unity between North and South the Monarchy would give a greater sense of stability at home, and elections could be carried out without that bitterness which divides our people into hostile political camps.

"Mr. de Valera, when faced with the task of drafting the new Constitution, became aware of the people's need of a first citizen to represent them to the world. With his usual genius for compromise, he offered us the President as the supreme source of authority, but presidency is open to grave abuse—that it may be occupied by a popular politician who in reality will represent only that section of the people who follow his political party. Thus he cannot stand, for he cannot represent that national unity which should be above party, and he cannot command that universal respect which is due from all citizens to the symbol of the State. His election will be disastrous to the hope of Irish unity."

HALF IN THE EMPIRE

Proceeding, Mr. Wall pointed out that Ireland was at present in the humiliating position of being half in the Empire and half out of it. They were at the moment part of the British Empire. Mr. de Valera had acknowledged George the Sixth as King of Ireland. Many people would not find that objectionable, but from letters which the speaker had received it would appear that there was an undercurrent of growing discontent and dissatisfaction with that position. A lot of Government mismanagement was due to instinctive legislators. One heard a lot of talk about nationalism and all that, but in actual fact the country was really not very distinctive.

Referring to Republicanism, Mr. Wall said it was an attractive theory on face value, but throughout Europe it had tended to produce corrupt Governments, which governed in the interests of parties rather than in the interests of the people. Some people thought that revolutions in Ireland were caused by poverty, but poverty was not always the cause, because revolutions took place at a time when Ireland was quite prosperous. In 1916 Ireland was richer than at any time in her recent history.

Remarking that he did not believe they would ever have real peace in this country while they were British-controlled, Mr. Wall added that the party which they intended to launch with a view to restoring the ancient Irish monarchy, would stand for absolute independence of the British Commonwealth.

The attendance included:—Lord William Beresford, Lady Susan Dawnay, Major and Mrs. Garnett, Mr. T. Goff, Mr. Dawnay, Mr. P. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. L. V. Fleming, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Stevenson.

OBITUARY

MAJOR-GENERAL LORD EDWARD GLEICHEN

Major-General Lord Albert Edward Wilfred Gleichen (formerly Count Gleichen), K.C.V.O., D.S.O., died, after a brief illness, in London on Tuesday last, aged seventy-four. The eldest son of the late Admiral Prince Victor of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, and Laura, daughter of Admiral of the Fleet Sir George Seymour, he was educated in England. Joining the Grenadier Guards in 1881, he saw active service in the Sudan, the Dongola Expedition, in South Africa—where he was wounded, was twice mentioned in despatches, and awarded the D.S.O.—and in the Great War in Europe. Lord Edward Gleichen was in command of the 15th Infantry Brigade at Belfast before the war. He was Military Attaché at Berlin (1903-6) and Washington (1906), and was attached to the Mission to Fez (1909). He had been Extra Equerry to Queen Victoria, to King Edward VII., and to King George V. In 1919 he retired from the Army. Lord Edward Gleichen was the author of various works of military and historic interest.

JUDGE JAMES MULLIGAN

His Honour James Mulligan, K.C., formerly Judge of County Courts, died at his residence at Chiswick, yesterday, at the age of 90. (says *The Times*.) He was the Senior Bencher of Grays Inn, of which he was treasurer in 1896-1897. The eldest son of Mr. David Mulligan, late of Annaclone, Co. Down, he was born on September 20th, 1847. Educated at the Belfast Royal Institution and at the Queen's University of Ireland, where he was gold medalist in Classics in 1871. He was Lee Prizeman of Grays Inn and received a first class certificate of honour in 1872. He was called in 1874, and appeared in some interesting cases, notably for Grays Inn in Manisty v. Kenealy in June, 1876; for the plaintiff in Watson v. Cave, the Peruvian bondholders' case, in 1881-1884 and for Lord Sligo in Houstoun v. Marquess of Sligo in 1885. He took silk in 1897, and in 1906 was appointed Judge of the Norfolk County Courts. He resigned in April, 1928. The judge was the author of "The Riddle of Justice," 1925; "Justice in the After-life," 1927; "Thoughts of an Octogenarian on Overcrowding," 1929, and "Notes on Bacon's Historia Vitæ et Mortis," 1932. He married in 1876, Kate Helen, daughter of the late Mr. J. J. de Wolfe, of Liverpool. She died in 1926, leaving one son.

KILKENNY TO HONOUR MAJOR MCCALMONT

KILKENNY, Wednesday.

Kilkenny Corporation has fixed Tuesday night next, at 7 o'clock, for the special meeting at which the Freedom of the City will be conferred on Major Dermot McCalmont, M.C., Master of the Kilkenny Hounds. The function will take place in the City Hall.

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BIGGEST ARMS CACHE

FURTHER DISCOVERY BY FRENCH POLICE

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Wednesday.

WHAT is claimed to be the largest illicit arms dépôt discovered since the beginning of the Cagoulard scare was run to earth to-day in a garage on the Boulevard Picpus, Eastern Paris.

The owner of the garage, Gaston Louis Jeanniot, has been arrested.

The cache was found in a secret cellar constructed at the back of the basement. Access to it was obtained through a sliding door masked by a pile of old petrol tins with worn tyres and spare parts littered about to disarm suspicion.

It is now stated that as many as sixteen tons of armaments were found, including half a million cartridges.

There were six Light Hotchkiss machine-guns, two of which came from the mobilisation dépôt at Laon, and eighty rifles.

The police also found thirty boxes, each containing one German and one Italian sub-machine-gun and one Army and one sporting rifle, thus making sixty sub-machine-guns, thirty Army rifles and thirty sporting rifles.

There were also 28 cases loaded with bombs and a large quantity of cartridges from the Toledo arms factory. This is the first time that Spanish armaments have been found in connection with the "C.S.A.R." affair.

THE CAMOUFLAGE

Fifteen new valises of a similar make to those already found in other arms dépôts were discovered.

The camouflage and secret sliding door provided the same "thriller" atmosphere as had attended the discoveries of the dépôts in the Rue de Bibera and the Rue Ampere.

The arrested garage owner was born in 1891, and is an Air Force Flight-Lieutenant in the Reserve.

In cross-examination he told the magistrate that he had had the garage fitted up on the request of Jacques Correze, secretary to Eugene Deloncle, who was at the moment out of France.

There was another arrest in the "C.S.A.R." affair to-day, when a man named Remy Durieux was detained by the police and brought before the examining magistrate on the charge of associating with wrong-doers and being in illegal possession of arms.

Born in 1908, Durieux was in charge of explosives for a company engaged in carrying out public works, and it is alleged that between May and November he stole some 65 pounds of explosives.

THE OATH

He told the magistrate that he took the oath of the "C.S.A.R." organisation at a house in Passy, where there were three or four people standing round a table with a tricolour flag on it.

The address of the house was kept secret from him, he said.

GIRL'S BODY IN FOREST POOL

MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

SOME hours after the discovery yesterday of seventeen years old Sheila Sutherland, lying dead in a forest pool in a lonely part of the New Forest, near Lymington, George Smith (21), a labourer, employed by the girl's father at Dilton Farm, Lymington, was charged with having wilfully murdered her. He will appear before the magistrates at Lymington to-day.

Sheila's body was found after an all-night search following the discovery of her bicycle, on which she had been shopping, in a river. The bicycle, lying in about ten feet of water, was about five hundred yards from where the body lay, partly submerged in eighteen inches of water.

A post-mortem examination is to be made.

Sheila, who is described as a cheerful, strong girl, had lived in this part of Hampshire most of her life and often cycled through the forest. She went shopping on her cycle on Tuesday, and goods which she had purchased were found in the handle-bar basket of the cycle, which was in the river at a point near a footbridge.

The girl called at a cottage near Roydon Manor, Boldre, and left the village where she made her purchases about 6.30 p.m.

When she failed to return at the expected time a search was made for her, and yesterday morning her brother, Mr. M. Sutherland, found her body in a pool about twelve yards from the track leading from the hamlet of Roydon to Dilton Farm.

ITALY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM LEAGUE

POLISH CONCERN

"TIMES" TELEGRAM.

WARSAW, Wednesday.

The Italian withdrawal from the League of Nations, although it has been expected for over a year, has caused much perturbation in authoritative Polish circles over the future of the Geneva institution. It has long been felt, and often stated here, that while the League is capable of performing work that has become vitally necessary in the international field, it has been burdened with political tasks the solution of which is beyond its capacities.

While the League's usefulness and the benevolent attitude of Poland towards it are acknowledged in an official bulletin issued by the Foreign Office to-day, the perturbation finds expression in a paragraph which runs:—If the Geneva institution manifests a tendency to engage itself in a battle of ideological doctrines, the Polish Government would feel compelled to ascertain whether this tendency was not in contradiction with the fundamental bases of Polish policy, and, if so, to reconsider its future attitude towards the League.

ANOTHER BUILDING CENTRE

Scotland is to fall into line with London, Stockholm, Zurich, Madrid, Warsaw, and The Hague by establishing a building centre in Glasgow. The centre will provide under one roof facilities for manufacturers to exhibit objects and materials used in connexion with the erection and equipment of buildings, so that the architect, the builder, and clients can see for themselves samples of the most up-to-date materials. All the interests concerned were represented in Glasgow at a meeting convened by the Scottish Development Council, and unanimous approval was given to a resolution proposed by Sir A. Steven Bilsland, Bart., recommending the Development Council to take immediate steps to establish a building centre in Scotland.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

NEW BISHOP OF NAGPUR

ORDINATIONS

FROM OUR CHURCH OF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT.

ONE of the largest dioceses in India has been entrusted to an Irish missionary. The See of Nagpur—not to be confused with Chota Nagpur—comprises the Central Provinces, Berar, and the agencies of Central India and Rajputana. The population is estimated at fifty millions. The bishop-elect of this diocese is the Rev. Alexander Ogilvy Hardy, whose father was an officer in the Royal Irish Constabulary, and later a Resident Magistrate in Northern Ireland. Mr. Hardy was educated at Mountjoy School, Dublin, and graduated with a Senior Moderatorship in Dublin University. After serving for two years as curate-assistant of Templemore, Derry, Mr. Hardy went, in 1917, to the Dublin University Mission in Hagarlbagh. There he did important work in the training of ordinands. He was head of the mission from 1926 to 1935. After his marriage to Dr. Ruth Boeckh he worked for the S.P.G. at Murhu. His consecration as bishop will take place at All Saints' Cathedral, Nagpur, on December 21st—St. Thomas's Day. Mr. Hardy is the author of several books of a devotional character, notably one recently published, "The Cross and the Reign of God."

The Hibernian Church Missionary Society has arranged the annual Day of Prayer in Dublin for January 11th. The Archbishop of Dublin is to be the celebrant at the Service in St. Ann's Church, and there will be special sessions at 35 Molesworth street from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., and from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

BISHOP PALMER'S LECTURES

Early in the Hilary Term members of the University of Dublin and Church people generally will have an opportunity of hearing Bishop Palmer, formerly Bishop of Bombay, deliver three lectures, under the auspices of the Missionary Council of the Church of Ireland. The bishop has been prominent in furthering the cause of re-union, and especially in advocating the scheme for re-union put forward in South India.

The Archbishop of Dublin has undertaken to give his impressions of the World Conference on Faith and Order which was held at Edinburgh last summer to the Dublin Clerical Association. The meeting will be held at 37 Dawson street on January 3rd, at 4 p.m. Other speakers will be Canon Tobias and Canon Drury.

The Rev. R. R. Hartford has contributed one of the three impressions of the conference that appear in the current number of *Œcumenica*. This quarterly is published in French for circulation on the Continent, where it is read by those who wish to keep in touch with Anglican thought.

A NEW HISTORY

A short history of the Church of Ireland, entitled "Ireland and her Church," by Canon Kingsmill Moore, with the collaboration of Canon A. V. Jourdan, will be published shortly by the Dundalgan Press, Dundalk. This book should do something to give clear and accurate information about the position of the Church of Ireland. The Archbishop of Dublin contributes a foreword.

Many friends in the Dublin Diocese will welcome the return of the Rev. R. J. Kerr. After being Curate-Assistant of St. George's, Dublin, 1930-33, he went to the Diocese of Clogher as Incumbent of Derrywallan, Irvinestown. Now he has been appointed Rector of the Parish of St. Michan and St. Paul, Dublin.

The vacant curacy in St. George's Parish will be filled in the new year by the Rev. G. F. Colin, curate-assistant of Ballywillan (Portrush).

The Archbishop of Dublin will hold an Ordination in his Cathedral, Christ Church, on Sunday next (December 19), when the Rev. M. B. Taylor, curate-assistant of Glenageary, will be admitted to the priesthood. The preacher will be Canon Tobias, Rector of Rathmines.

The Bishop of Ossory will hold an Ordination in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, on Sunday next (December 19), when the Rev. W. S. Atkinson, curate-assistant of Maryborough, the Rev. R. T. Evanson, curate-assistant of Ferns, and the Rev. T. J. V. Thompson, curate-assistant of Castlecomer, will be admitted to the priesthood. The preacher will be the Rev. J. E. Hazley, Rector of Wexford.

The Bishop of Down will hold an Ordination on St. Thomas's Day, December 21. Among the candidates for the diaconate will be Mr. R. G. Thompson, who has been nominated to the assistant-curacy of Bangor, Co. Down.

The Bishop of Kilmore will hold an Ordination on Sunday next (December 19), when the Rev. W. B. Battersby will be admitted to the priesthood, and Mr. G. G. Warrington will be ordained deacon.

TIPPERARY FAIR

LIVE-STOCK EXPORTERS' PROTEST

At the meeting of the Irish Live-stock Exporters' and Traders' Association last night, a report of the interview which representatives of the Association had had with Tipperary Urban District Council in regard to holding the fair in the streets of the town was read.

The Association's representatives, it was stated, urged the Council to hold the fair on the Green in the town, and they were informed that certain improvements in the Green would be necessary. The onus for putting the Green in proper condition, it was stated, rested with Lord Barrymore, and if he was not prepared to accede to the wishes of the Association and the Council he should be asked to hand over the Green to the Urban Council or the County Council.

At the last fair £40,000 had been withdrawn from the local banks to meet payments, and in view of the importance of such an industry the Council thought that the Association should try to have the Green put in proper condition.

The Association's representatives stated that the matter was one for the Council, as cattle from Tipperary Fair had an unenviable reputation, on account of the abuse they received there, and some buyers had refused to accept them. They added that if a decided improvement were not shortly effected steps would have to be taken to hold the fair where proper facilities would be provided.

A number of members stated that at the previous fair cattle had been subjected to great ill-treatment, some of which had been due to the delay in loading on to the railway wagons.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate further with the Minister for Agriculture, the railway company and the Urban Council on the matter.

Mr. G. Mullan (Chairman) presided.

SCHOOL PRIZE-DAYS : FAT STOCK SHOW

GROOM AND BRIDE after the wedding at St. Bartholomew's Church, Clyde road, yesterday, of Captain Willington Molony and Miss Doreen Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mills, "Turnings," Straffan, Co. Kildare

ENGAGED.—Miss Virginia K. Scales, only daughter of Captain V. W. Scales, of 27 Rathfarnham Park, Rathfarnham, whose engagement has been announced to Mr. John McC. Caldwell, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. W. Caldwell, 14 Harcourt street, Dublin.

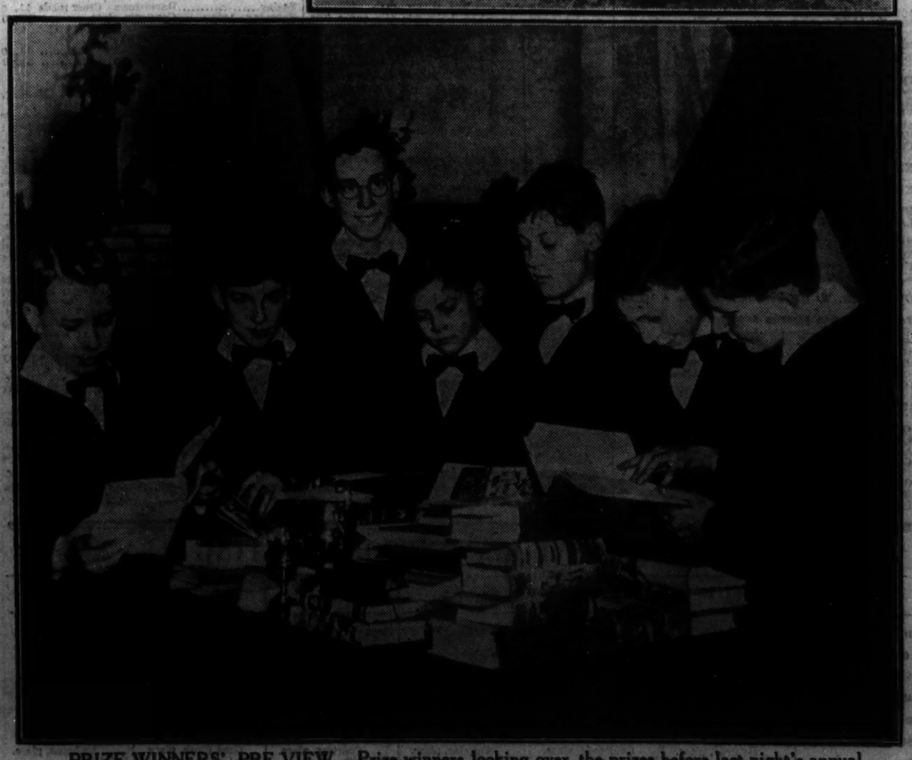
A GROUP taken after Tuesday night's meeting of the Royal Society of Antiquaries at 63 Merrion square. Seated (from left): Professor E. McNeill (President) and Mr. H. G. Leask (Speaker). Standing: Mr. T. Cassidy (Hon. General Secretary) and Mr. L. Price

MR. J. LANGTRY LYNAS, the well-known Belfast sculptor, at work in his studio on a clay model portrait bust of Mr. Harold Spencer, L.R.A.M. (left), Director of Music at the Belfast Playhouse, to whom it is to be presented as a mark of esteem.

A SCENE from the play "The Reluctant Dragon," as presented by the pupils of Park House Junior School and Kindergarten, 74 Morehampton road

SOME OF THE COMMITTEE photographed at yesterday's Fat Stock Show and Sale at Trim. Included in the group are: The Duc de Stacpool (President), Mr. G. W. Redpath (Secretary), Mr. H. J. Kirwan (Vice-President), Mr. J. Smith (Judge), Mr. W. Sweeney (Chairman), Mr. R. Weller, Mr. J. Garry, Mr. A. Brogan, Mr. A. H. Hughes, Mr. W. Barrington and Mr. J. J. O'Flynn. Right: Mrs. D'Arcy Thompson's exhibit, which was judged Champion of the Show.

THE MOST REV. DR. GREGG, Archbishop of Dublin, presenting a prize at yesterday's distribution at Alexandra School.



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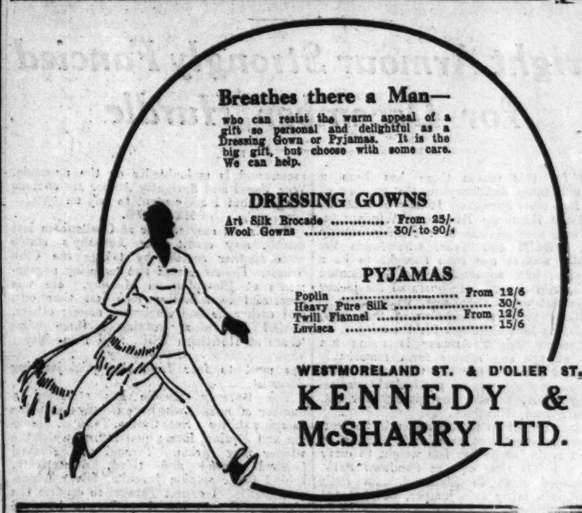

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CIVIC GUARD AS DEFENDANT

ALLEGED BREACH OF PROMISE

Mr. R. Hogan (instructed by Mr. C. E. Callan) applied, on behalf of Miss Emily O'Beirne, St. Patrick's street, Boyle, the plaintiff in an action for damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage against Neil McNaught, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, Civic Guard, for an order for the discovery of documents. The defence, he said, was a denial of the alleged promise, and a plea that if there was a promise there was mutual rescission of it. The documents required to be discovered were letters which the plaintiff said were in the custody of the defendant, and which, she said, corroborated the verbal promise of marriage which, she alleged, was made by the defendant, who was now married to another lady.

The Master made the order sought, and, on the application of Mr. Micks (instructed by Messrs. Crean and O'Cleirigh), for the defendant, he made a cross-order for discovery of documents by the plaintiff.

STATE GRANT FOR NEW SCHEMES

IMPORTANT OFFER TO BELFAST

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

The Northern Government has made an important concession to the Belfast Corporation in connection with the unemployment relief schemes by giving a grant of 15 per cent. of the net cost of the whole work on the projected road schemes, in addition to the 75 per cent. of the wages cost, which was fixed some time ago. The announcement was received with satisfaction by the Improvements Committee of the Corporation. A start may be made with the relief works at the beginning of the year. Under the new arrangement the cost will work out on a fifty-fifty basis between the Government and the Corporation.

LEASEHOLDERS BILL

At a meeting of the City Branch of the United National Leaseholders' Organisation in Jury's Hotel, Dublin, last night, Mr. James J. Mullen, Chairman, presided.

Mr. Owen Mulholland, national director, said that their organisation was seeking to have a court established for the fixing of fair ground and lease rents on all private houses and business premises in urban areas and to promote legislation for the provision of a national urban freehold land purchase scheme which would enable leaseholders to buy out their ground rents at a fair price. The Leaseholders Bill to be introduced in the Dail was not an attempt to solve the ground rents problem, but simply an effort to remove from the Landlords and Tenants Acts of 1931 certain unreasonable clauses contained in that measure, which were in favour of the landlords. That bill would affect the rents of every business premises in the cities and provincial towns. It contained a provision, whereby the leaseholder in Dublin must get a statutory option to purchase any ground rents before they are offered for sale.

BURIAL OF HOSPITAL INMATES

OBJECTIONABLE SYSTEM ALMOST ABOLISHED

At the meeting of the Dublin Board of Assistance yesterday, Mr. R. Blake, vice-chairman, presiding, a question was raised by Mr. T. Cosgrave as to whether it were true that inmates of the institution were buried in a pit of Glasnevin, as many as forty together, at 15s. per space. He suggested that a number should be given the relatives, so that they might know where a body was buried. If the pit system existed, he thought it should be abolished, and a site bought at £100 an acre for burials.

Mr. P. J. Medlar said that they had succeeded in doing away with the practice of putting 48 bodies in one pit. To-day 12 to 14 were buried in the same grave at a charge of 15s. per burial.

Dr. Hannigan, T.D., said that need was shown for a number of municipal institutions, including a municipal cemetery, hospital and so on.

It was decided to ask the Resident Medical Officer to submit a report on the matter.

The Relief Supervisors reported that for the week ended December 11, 1937, the number of cases relieved was 7,408, at a cost of £3,725, or an increase of 147 cases, at a cost of £116 more than in the previous week. As compared with the same week last year, there were 632 more cases, costing £285.

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

GOOD-CLASS HANDICAP HORSES SCARCE

Last Year's Candidates May Not Take High Rank

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday.

THIS is queer weather to be writing about the Spring Handicaps and such things, but it is a fact that the entries for the Lincolnshire and other events to be decided in the early part of the next flat racing season closed last night. I am afraid the entry for the Lincolnshire has been a humdrum one.

We seem very badly off for high-class handicap horses, and those who have such do not seem to worry a great deal about the Lincolnshire in these days. Long gone are the times when such as Bendigo, Clorane and Winkfield's Pride used to brighten this Lincoln field. The only class horses that have won the Lincolnshire since the war, with the possible exception of Flamenco, were the two French colts Sir Gallahad III. and Tapin, both of whom were virtually presented with the race by the handicappers.

Out By Themselves

To find another really good winner of the race one has to go back to the early days of this century, when St. Maclou beat Sceptre. Some people seem to be wondering whether the name of Daytona, who finished last season by winning the Grosvenor Cup at Liverpool under 9st. 7lb., will be found in the entry. I should certainly be surprised to find Sir George Bullough's five-year-old a runner at Lincoln.

There should be something better for this high-class horse than a Lincolnshire Handicap. He and Dan Bulger seem to be out in a class by themselves among the good handicap horses. I expect we shall find the name of Fairplay among the entry for several events in the spring. He did not reach his reserve at the December Sales last week, and is likely to be kept in training for another season.

In other years we have often found colts that had not proven themselves quite good enough in the classic races figuring in good handicaps as four-year-olds. One wonders whether several of the so-called classic three-year-olds of last season would even be good enough to win handicaps with anything more than 8st. at the outside. It is a curious fact, but true, that the second in the Derby, Sandsprite, is still a maiden.

Le Ksar's Failures

I suppose we shall have the Two Thousand Guineas winner, Le Ksar, in handicaps, as he has remained in England. His was a wretched record after he won at Newmarket, and he is still a maiden in France. It may be that he will be adventured in handicaps. He hardly looks like winning any of the high-class weight-for-age events, and it may take him some time to find his proper mark in a handicap.

The weather was not too inclement this afternoon, and the modest programme put on at Windsor was run through without causing a great deal of excitement. Favourites did well, the first of them to win being Prince Rouge, who took the Mill Hurdle from Apogee, Fair Outlook, and 27 others. Then another favourite—in fact, a very old favourite—fifteen-year-old Two Royals, won the selling steeplechase from a recent winner, Tarbouch II.

Mrs. Ambrose Clark, the owner of Kellsboro' Jack, won the New Windsor Handicap Steeplechase with her American-bred horse, Cakewalker, who was a 3 to 1 chance and beat Chesterton and La Touche. Cakewalker was not so good a favourite as Bel et Bon, who did not finish in the first six, Cakewalker winning comfortably by a length. Mrs. Clark was expected to complete a double, but her Flying Minutes was not good enough, and could only finish third to Silent Jack and Le Toreador.

Selections

There is nothing particularly attractive about the programme to-morrow at Windsor, when the first event, the College Handicap Steeplechase, may be won by YOUNG MISCHIEF, the December Handicap Hurdle by DUREX, and the Boveney Hurdle by KATE COSMO.

GALTEE MORE.

CONFIDENCE IN CYGNIS

Bright Armour Strongly Fancied for December Hurdle

SO far this season there has been a noticeable deficiency in the number of high-class hurdlers. It may be that the December Handicap Hurdle at Windsor to-day will produce one in the championship class. Swift and True, who heads the weights, was at one time thought to be a champion, but, apparently, has deteriorated to a certain extent. He unseated his jockey on his last appearance, and, while there is not likely to be a repetition of that here, I prefer to look elsewhere for the winner.

Although Bright Armour is rising ten years of age she retains form remarkably well, and has won her last two races. Her Gatwick victory was a particularly praiseworthy effort, as she was giving over 2st. to the second, Hawfinch.

Durex, runner-up to Enchanter in the corresponding event last year, is certain to be backed again, as he has less weight to carry now, and last time out, at Sandown Park, he finished sixth to Elmstead. Le Petit Pierrot is a fairly safe jumper, but has not had an outing since August, and may be in need of a race. River Severn will have to show improvement on his fourth to Flying Eagle in a field of five at Gatwick if he is to play a prominent part here. Oo-er and Manchester City will probably show to greatest advantage of the remainder. I have confidence in

BRIGHT ARMOUR

completing the "hat-trick."

Mr. C. Heber Percy's promising young 'chaser, Hygiene, runs in the College Handicap 'Chase, and I hope to see him successful. He has been placed in each of his last two races, and is undoubtedly on the up-grade. War Vessel and Sprightly Archer are obvious dangers, but I am content to rely on

HYGIENE.

Cygnis, an easy winner at Cheltenham last month, may credit Ivor Anthony's stable with another success by taking the Club 'Chase. Thanos missed two tempting engagements at Plumpton on Monday. He was successful in a selling race last time out, and earlier he had Archman, among others, behind him when winning a three miles 'chase at Hawthorn Hill. Still I consider

CYGNIS

has most to fear from the quick-jumping Alarmist.

The Boveney Hurdle has attracted a number of novices who have already shown fine jumping ability. Kate Cosmo, Taragai, Abington and Mafiusi form a quartet from which the winner may spring. Taragai and Mafiusi finished second and third, respectively, behind the champion juvenile, Silver Lance, at Gatwick. I expect Taragai to confirm the placings, though one I prefer to both of them is

KATE COSMO,

who ran Cultured Pearl to three lengths at Kempton Park. She now meets her conqueror on 7lb. better terms, which should enable her to turn the tables.

SCINTILLANT,

Tolstoi and Lemon Curd may have most to do with the finish of the Thursday Selling Hurdle, and I like them in the order named.

COURTESY

should be good enough to win the Paddock Selling 'Chase.

WINDSOR RESULTS

1.0—MILL HURDLE of £82. 2 m.
Mrs. D. Thomas's ch. h. PRINCE ROUGE, by Fer Rouge or Le Debardier—Princess Yo-San, a, 11-9 ......M. Prendergast 1
Lord Stavordale's APOGEE, 5, 12-0 S. Ingham 2
Mrs. T. Holloway's FAIR OUTLOOK, 6, 12-0 F. Walwyn 3

Also ran:—Jane Austen (R. Burford), Dormitory (Mr. Pope), Galupas (D. Butchers), Lincoln Lass (F. Gurney), Mademoiselle de Puygareau (Mr. J. Hanbury), Nagesh (J. Hyde), Sunstreak (W. King), Aboukir (G. Bowden), Samla (G. Pellerin), Samarkand (H. Nicholson), Homo (T. Isaac), Knightsbrook (W. Sivell), Midguard (H. A. Jones), Easter Rush (A. Goodwill), Coire-an-Duich (W. Parvin), Hollands (Mr. J. Dennistoun), Skytor (Mr. Jones), Infant (K. Rumble), Straight Deal (G. Archibald), Clam (T. Ryan), Ham (T. Rimell), Prudent Sen (T. Farmer), Jcburg (J. Moloney), Lagskar (G. Turner), Telephone (F. Maxwell), Calamis (E. Taylor), Shine (D. L. Jones). (Winner trained by A. Stubbs.)

Betting—100 to 30 each agst. PRINCE ROUGE and Samla, 5 to 1 each Fair Outlook and Easter Rush, 8 to 1 Galapas, 10 to 1 Apogee, 100 to 8 each Lincoln Lass and Mademoiselle de Puygareau, 100 to 7 Aboukir, 25 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 9/9; places, 3/9, 6/3, 3/3.

Won by two lengths; five lengths. Samla was fourth and Jane Austen last. Easter Rush fell.

1.30—RAYS (S.) HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £92. 2m.
Mr. S. Long's ch. g. TWO ROYALS, by Royal Hackle II.—Queen of the Grebes, a, 12-6 D. Butchers 1
Mr. H. W. Blyth's TARBOUCH II., a, 11-0 Mr. R. Petre 2
Mr. G. Johnstone's SKILL, 4, 10-6 H. Nicholson 3

Also ran:—Michlean (Mr. J. Duncanson), Anakim (A. Jarvis), Sir Alwin (J. Bissill), The Blacksmith (A. Scratchley), Tuck Up (G. Spann), Beau Brocade (J. H. Brown). (Winner trained by G. Langlands).

Betting—9 to 4 agst. TWO ROYALS, 3 to 1 each The Blacksmith and Skill, 10 to 1 each Michlean, Tarbouch II., and Anakim; 100 to 7 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 5/9; places, 2/6, 3/9, 3/-.

Won by half a length; four lengths. Michlean was fourth and Sir Alwin last. Anakim and The Blacksmith fell. No bid for the winner.

2.0—NEW WINDSOR HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £122. 2 m.
Mrs. F. A. Clark's b. g. CAKEWALKER, by Mad Hatter—Flourish, 5, 12-0 ...B. Hobbs 1
Mr. R. Holbech's CHESTERTON, 5, 10-9 P. Kinsella 2
Mr. F. A. Clark's LA TOUCHE, 5, 11-6 R. Burford 3

Also ran—Bel Et Bon (A. Scratchley), Jackal (T. Rimell), Sancatoe (J. Bissill), Bachelor's Hall (D. L. Jones), Kinship (J. Fawcus), Holbeton Point (Mr. A. Mildmay), Grappler (F. Walwyn), San Luis Rey (W. Parvin), Kiltoi (T. Isaac), Juba (Mr. W. North), Buckup Bryant (A. Jarvis), Squire Morris (F. Maxwell), Jolly Yeoman (T. McNeill). (Winner trained by R. Hobbs.)

Betting—13 to 8 agst. Bel Et Bon, 3 to 1 CAKEWALKER, 8 to 1 each Kiltoi, Jackal and Holbeton Point, 10 to 1 each Bachelor's Hall and La Touche, 100 to 7 Squire Morris, 100 to 6 San Luis Rey, 20 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 5/-; places, 3/9, 74/3, 11/6.

Won by one length; a length and a half. Bachelor's Hall was fourth and Kinship last. Holbeton Point and San Luis Rey fell.

2.30—WEDNESDAY (S.) HURDLE of £92. 2 m.
Mr. R. Dick's b. g. SORBET, by Tolgus—Pretty Maid, 4, 11-4 ......A. Thompson 1
Lady Cambridge's WORTHY DOWN, 6, 12-0 D. Butchers 2
Mr. P. V. F. Cazalet's LE SARRAZIN, a, 11-9 J. Cox 3

Also ran—Sindhi (C. Ancil), Priddy Hill (Mr. J. Hislop), Evander (S. Ingham), Miss Romance (J. Hamey), Lumaco (Mr. P. Vaux), Merry Nobleman (G. Little), Pharaoh's Daughter (G. Burry), Chanticleer (D. J. Jones). (Winner trained by R. Dick.)

Betting—13 to 8 on SORBET, 7 to 2 agst. Le Sarrazin, 7 to 1 Evander, 8 to 1 Priddy Hill, 10 to 1 Worthy Down, 100 to 7 each Pharaoh's Daughter and Sindhi, 20 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 3/6; places, 2/3, 3/3, 3/-.

Won by a head; six lengths. Pharaoh's Daughter was fourth and Merry Nobleman last. The winner was bought in for 85 gns.

3.0—OAKSIDE HANDICAP HURDLE of £192. 2 m.
Mr. A. Barclay's b. g. CESARION, by Papyrus—Wings of Love, 6, 11-0 ......G. Archibald 1
Mr. I. Z. Davis's THE PENCIL, 6, 11-0 T. Elder 2
Sir W. Chilcott's STEELTIP, 6, 11-8 ......J. Cox 3

Also ran—Khris Kingle (G. Pellerin), Prawn Curry (D. Butchers), Nocib (A. Scratchley), Zion (D. Holmon), Outrider (W. Parvin), Monoceros (P. Lay), No Parking (S. Ingham), Senorita (M. Barry), Telamon (A. Goodwill), Poor Duke (F. Walwyn), Winastep (J. Bissill), Drintry (C. Ancil), Tramaway (F. Gurney), Timely Warned (E. W. Jones), Burlington Bill (Mr. M. Jones). (Winner trained by R. Jarvis.)

Betting—7 to 2 agst. Khris Kingle, 9 to 2 Telamon, 5 to 1 CESARION, 11 to 2 Steeltip, 7 to 1 Winastep, 8 to 1 each No Parking and The Pencil, 10 to 1 Monoceros, 100 to 7 Outrider, 20 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 16/6; places, 6/6, 9/6, 3/9.

Won by a short head; three lengths. Khris Kingle fourth. Timely Warned last. Prawn Curry fell.

3.30—FOREST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £82. 3 m.
Col. B. W. Robinson's br. g. SILENT JACK, by Jackdaw of Rheims—Silent Doon, 8, 11-5 E. C. Brown 1
Mr. H. B. Brandt's LE TOREADOR, a, 11-5 T. Elder 2
Mrs. F. A. Clark's FLYING MINUTES, a, 12-1 B. Hobbs 3

Also ran—Rolling Home (Mr. T. Walls, jun.), Meelick (Mr. J. Dennis), Diabutsu (Capt. M. Little), K.D.H. (Mr. J. Gordon), Toutava II. (Mr. A. Mildmay), Winter Land (F. Maxwell), Idtoi (A. Jarvis), Sir Jinks (D. Holland), Pirita (G. Turner). (Winner trained by Powell.)

Betting—11 to 10 agst. Flying Minutes, 2 to 1 SILENT JACK, 10 to 1 Diabutsu, 100 to 8 each Toutva II. and Le Toreador, 100 to 6 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 9/-; places, 2/9, 5/6, 2/3.

Won by three lengths; eight lengths. Diabutsu fourth, Sir Jinks last. Meelick and Pirita fell.

TOTALISATOR DAILY DOUBLE (2/- stake)—Cakewalker and Cesarion. Dividend £15 16/-; pool £1,303; 74 winning tickets.

ACCEPTANCES

MANCHESTER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1.

VICTORY STEEPLECHASE (handicap) of £500. Second £60, third £40. 2 m. Age st. lb.
AIRGEAD SIOS (Sir F. Towle) ...Tabor a 12 7
ARGENTAL (Mr. A. Donn) ...W. Payne 6 11 13
BRENDAN'S COTTAGE (Mrs. Smith-Bingham) ......Beeby a 11 11
MACAULAY (Mr. H. A. Steel) P. Thrale a 11 9
SOLARIUM (Sir E. Hanmer) ......Rimell 6 11 8
MOLLISON (5lb. ex.) (Lady Lindsay) Private a 11 8
DUSKY TROUBADOUR (Mr. T. Walls, jun.) ......Walls a 11 6
HUMBLE PIE (Lady Dumfries) Barthropp a 11 3
ASTERABAD (Mr. V. H. Smith) Beeby a 11 2
NOVGOROD (Mrs. A. E. Phillips) Bissill 6 11 2
SANTA LUZ (Mr. J. Morant) Hemsworth a 11 0
DESLYS (Mr. S. Barratt) ......Lyde a 10 13
THE PROFESSOR II. (Mrs. I. Strang) Storie a 10 13
DAWMAR (Mr. W. S. Murphy) ...Duffy a 10 11
ROCK LAD (Mr. H. Bain) ...F. Furlong a 10 11
CARNALEA (Lady Lindsay) ......Private 6 10 7
HOLBETON POINT (Lord Mildmay) H. Whiteman a 10 7
BELL BOY (Sir F. Norie Miller) McGuigan a 10 6
DUCE (Mrs. I. Strang) ......Wight a 10 4
GALWAY BAY (Mr. D. Miln) E. Johnson 5 10 1
SAN LUIS REY (Mr. A. Pilkington) Goode a 10 0

MONDAY, JANUARY 3.

VICTORY HURDLE RACE (handicap) of £250. Second £40; third, £20. 2 m.
HILL SONG (Mr. H. Bell) ......Lyde a 12 7
YORKSHIREMAN (Mr. J. Dugdale) M. Peacock a 12 5
WATCHDOG (Mrs. A. Phillips) ...Bissill 6 12 3
CAIRO (Colonel Dunlop) ......Easterby 6 12 0
ARCTIC TERN (Mr. A. Hutchison) Wight 5 12 0
UP SABRE (Mr. A. Morrow) ......Owner 6 11 12
LATOI (Mr. A. McKinlay) ...H. Peacock a 11 11
COCKLAW DENE (Major Marshall) Paton a 11 10
VITEMENT (Mr. A. Jacks) ...W. Madden 5 11 8
MARULA (Mrs. Mason) ......Drake 6 11 6
MANCHUKUO (Lady Maureen Stanley) Murless 5 11 4
GENERALISSIME (Mr. T. Hooley) Laurence a 11 2
PRUDENT ACHTOI (Mrs. Hollins) W. Payne 5 11 2
MR. CHANCE (Mr. W. Downs) T. Hall 6 11 1
NOCIB (Sir E. Bushby) ......Goldsmith 6 11 1
PETER THE GREAT (Mr. W. Greenwood) ......Dutton 6 11 1
LORENZO (Miss H. Cooper) ...Murless 6 10 13
ALUMINITE (Mr. B. Smith) J. Harper 6 10 12
FREEZY (Mr. J. Burn) ......Burn a 10 3
MOUNTAIN MELODY (Lady Beryl Grove) ......Cooke a 10 0

SPECIAL SELECTIONS

Daily Sketch Double — Kate Cosmo and Lutin III.

WINDSOR PROGRAMME

1.0—COLLEGE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.
LOST PROPERTY (Mr. J. V. Rank) Evans 6 12 7
MAY PRINCE (Mr. V. H. Smith) (7lb. ex.) ......Beeby 5 12 3
LISCARNEY (Mr. H. Cecil) ...Private 5 12 2
PARISIAN (Mr W. P. Crawford Greene) W. Nightingall 5 11 12
DEAL (Capt. Reid Walker) ...Barthropp 5 11 12
YOUNG MISCHIEF (Mr. J. V. Rank) Evans 6 11 11
BERNARD'S MASCOT (late Bruce Bertram) (Mrs. E. Marks) J. Nightingall 6 11 10
KILWHANG (Mr. F. N. Gee) (7lb. ex.) Private 6 11 10
LATEEVE (Mr. F. J. Honour) R. Bennett 6 11 8
KINGSLAND (Mr. A. E. Berry) Gosden 6 11 6
IRISH DELIGHT (Mrs. Livingstone) G. Langlands a 11 6
JACKSBORO' (Mr. H. B. Brandt) James 6 11 5
WAR VESSEL (Mrs. M. Scott) R. Hobbs 4 11 4
GANTRY (Mrs. S. Savile) ......J. Beary 5 11 4
LOUGH SOLAK (Mr. J. S. Schilizzi) Vivian 6 11 5
PROPHECY (Mr H. T. Rich) H. Harrison 5 11 2
HALFTIME JIMMY (Lord Penrhyn) Norris 6 11 2
BLACK HAWK (Mr. W. T. Sears) Jelliss 6 11 2
HYGIENE (Mr. C. Heber-Percy) Bankier 5 11 2
GLOMIANA (Miss E. Baxley) R. Bennett a 11 2
BENEFIT (Sir D. Llewellyn) R. Bennett 6 11 2
PENDRAGON (Capt. M. A. Little) J. Hall 5 11 1
SPRIGHTLY ARCHER (Mr. A. B. Mildmay) ......J. Hall 6 11 1
ERGO (Capt. H. C. Phillips) ...Dutton 6 11 0
SIR JINKS (Colonel Brian W. Robinson) Powell 5 10 12
PITCH BOWL (Mr. J. R. Anthony) J. Anthony 5 10 10
LARRON (Mr. E. Grotrian) ...F. Brown 5 10 10
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LAC D'ANNECY (Mr. C. Hennecart) O. Anthony 6 10 7
BOBBY II. (Mrs. N. Waddington) Gosden 4 10 7
ARCOLA (Capt. A. Gee) ......Private 6 10 6
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201	MAY PRINCE ......T. F. Carey	10/1
000	PARISIAN	100/8
032	DEAL	4/1
040	BERNARD'S MASCOT ...H. Nicholson	20/1
021	KILWHANG ......W. Redmond	8/1
020	LATEEVE ......E. C. Brown	20/1
100	IRISH DELIGHT	20/1
400	JACKSBORO' ......T. Elder	100/7
000	WAR VESSEL ......B. Hobbs	6/1
300	GANTRY	20/1
400	LOUGH SOLAK ......A. Scratchley	20/1
000	BLACK HAWK ......G. Archibald	10/1
032	HYGIENE ......N. Dixon	9/2
130	PROPHECY	20/1
000	PENDRAGON ......Capt. M. Little	20/1
232	SPRIGHTLY ARCHER Mr. A. Mildmay	10/1
000	ERGO	20/1
000	SIR JINKS ......J. Dowdeswell	20/1
020	LARRON ......T. McNeill	20/1
400	JACK STEEL ......T. Rimell	20/1
000	BACHELOR'S GOWN ...E. C. Taylor	100/8
000	BOBBY II. ......D. Butchers	20/1
000	ARCOLA	20/1
040	SURF RIDE ......R. Burford	20/1
000	HILARION ......Mr. R. Hastings	20/1

1.30—THURSDAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m. Age. st. lb.
SILVER WAY (Mr. G. S. Langlands) G. Langlands 4 12 7
HIMMELBLAU (Mr. E. A. Wigan)...Dale a 12 7
NAVY BLUE (Mr. M. Pass) T. R. Leader 5 12 7
VELDT (Mr. J. R. Anthony) J. Anthony 6 12 4
PARASOL (Mr. A. M. Smyth) W. Smyth 5 11 13
HOT WATER (Mr. H. Lester) G. Todd 5 11 10
SEA PRIDE (Mr. R. C. Dawson) C. Howe 5 11 8
ARTIST'S LORE (Mr. J. de Moraville) Freake a 11 8
CELESTIELLE (Mr. H. Hedges) Hedges 5 11 7
CIRCOURT (Mr. Ernest Smith) R. Hobbs a 11 6
SCINTILLANT (Col. F. T. Halse) W. Nightingall 5 11 6
MAE WEST (Mr. A. Law) G. Langlands 5 11 5
ADYAR (Mr. H. S. Persse) H. Harrison 4 11 4
BUCHIL (Mrs. J. Ward) ......O'Sullivan 6 11 3
MIRAGE (Miss D. C. Markes) ... Pulford 5 11 2
PRINCESS AVRIL (Mr. A. E. Berry) Gosden 6 11 2
KNIGHT GAMBLER (Mr. W. Hutchinson) ......Hardwicke 6 11 2
LOOK (Mr. W. Seaward) ...G. Hardy 6 11 1
PRINCE ALLOWAY (Mr. W. R. Sadler) Butchers a 11 0
L'ELDORADO (Mrs. I. L. Lewis) Private a 11 0
RASTA (Mr. D. Dale) ......Dale a 10 12
AVALANCHE II. (Mr. G. S. Langlands) G. Langlands 4 10 12
BULAND DAR (Mr. H. Hedges) Hedges a 10 11
TOLSTOI (Mrs. Greenslade) ...J. Hall a 10 11
ANNIHILATION (Miss J. E. King) Newby a 10 11
CRAIGENDORAN (Mrs. E. Mitchell) Mitchell a 10 10
BALANCE (Mr. H. Harris) ......Private a 10 7
SEA PIER (Mrs. N. Waddington) Gosden 6 10 7
LEMON CURD (Mrs. N. Waddington) Gosden 4 10 5
INTELLIGENT BOY (Miss M. Poole) Poole 6 10 1
LOVE FOR SALE (Mr. W. French) Quirke 5 10 0

Form	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
121	SILVER WAY ...... ——	100/6
0	NAVY BLUE ......E. C. Taylor	100/6
033	VELDT ......H. Jones	100/6
300	PARASOL ......T. McNeill	100/8
034	SEA PRIDE ......W. Bartlam	7/2
000	ARTIST'S LORE ......F. Gurney	10/1
244	SCINTILLANT ......G. Pellerin	9/2
340	MAE WEST ...... ——	10/1
020	BUCHIL ......M. Barry	100/6
000	KNIGHT GAMBLER ......C. Laver	100/6
231	L'ELDORADO ......D. L. Jones	6/1
300	AVALANCHE II. ...... ——	100/6
002	TOLSTOI ...... ——	7/1
000	ANNIHILATION ......W. Hollick	100/6
414	CRAIGENDORAN ......I. Martin	100/8
002	LEMON CURD ......D. Butchers	100/6
403	INTELLIGENT BOY...Colin Richards	100/6
000	LOVE FOR SALE ...... ——	100/6

2.0—DECEMBER HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.
SWIFT AND TRUE (Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark) ......I. Anthony a 12 7
BRIGHT ARMOUR (Mrs. Livingstone) (7lb. ex.) ......G. Langlands a 12 3
BASSAM (Mr. J. O. Meredith) Private 4 12 2
HORS BORD (Mr. G. S. L. Whitelaw) W. Stubbs 5 11 12
MIXED FOURSOME (Major E. I. Scott) Holland 5 11 6
REPONDANT (Mrs. Bertha Cohen) Hedges 5 11 3
LE PETIT PIERROT (Mr. J. Ismay) H. Turner 5 11 3
TRIBULATION (Lord Fairhaven) Pease 5 11 0
DUREX (Mr. S. Wootton) ......Wootton 5 10 10
RIVER SEVERN (Lt.-Col. E. H. Pemberton) ......W. Nightingall 5 10 10
THE MUM (Sir John Grey) Barthropp 4 10 9
OKAY (Mr. N. E. Dixon) ......P. Thrale 5 10 9
SPANISH STATE (Mr. W. Wadey) Pulford 6 10 8
FLYING ADMIRAL (Mr. J. B. Anthony) J. Anthony 5 10 8
OO-ER (Mr. H. Solomon) ...F. Hartigan a 10 7
ST. BERNARD (Mr. T. Cullinan) J. Beary 4 10 6
MANCHESTER CITY (Mr. J. H. Gordon) O. Anthony 6 10 5
THIMBLE (Mr. S. McGregor) Gubbins 6 10 1
VOILINO (Mr. J. V. Rank) ......Evans 5 10 0
POLYDAMAS (Duchess of Norfolk) P. Thrale 6 10 0
SWEEPSTAKES (Mrs. C. Jones) Goldsmith 4 10 0
WHITE BLAZE (Mr. H. Lester) G. Todd 4 10 0
BOGSKAR (Lord Stalbridge) Stalbridge 4 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
000	SWIFT AND TRUE ...... ——	7/2
211	BRIGHT ARMOUR ...... ——	8/1
000	MIXED FOURSOME ......E. Goddard	100/6
200	LE PETIT PIERROT ......E. Vinall	10/1
040	DUREX ......A. Thompson	8/1
100	RIVER SEVERN ......D. Butchers	100/8
020	THE MUM ......T. F. Rimell	100/6
400	OKAY ......T. Elder	100/6
000	SPANISH STATE ......S. Ingham	100/6
002	OO-ER ......J. Fawcus	4/1
000	MANCHESTER CITY Mr. J. H. Gordon	100/6
402	THIMBLE ......Capt. R. Harding	7/1
000	VOILINO ......P. Murray	100/6
000	SWEEPSTAKES ......A. Scratchley	100/6
001	WHITE BLAZE ......W. Myles	100/6
005	BOGSKAR ......G. Turner	100/6

2.30—PADDOCK SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.
GALEN (Major Abbot) ......Goode a 11 7
VICAR'S CROSS (Mr. R. Blunt) Blunt a 11 7
SUNSPOT II. (Mrs. Burke) ...Laurence a 11 7
FAIRYHILL (Mr. F. Hartigan) Owner a 11 7
COURTESY (Mr. P. Herbert) W. Nightingall a 11 7
KING RICHARD (Mr. Hutchinson) Rayson a 11 7
KNIGHT GAMBLER (Mr. Hutchinson) Hardwicke 6 11 7
MAJESTIC (Mr. Mildmay) H. Whiteman a 11 7
LAW WITHOUT JUSTICE (Mr. M. Pass) Private a 11 7
TRUE COUNT (Mr. Peek) Hemsworth a 11 7
TOWTON (Mr. J. Seely) ......Bissill 6 11 7
CYCLAMEN (Mr. E. Langford) Private 5 11 4
KNIGHTSBRIDGE (Mr. O. Anthony) Owner 4 10 10
OWENS (Mr. W. Hutchinson) Hardwicke 4 10 10

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
000	GALEN ......W. Parvin	7/1
000	SUNSPOT II. ......R. Everett	100/8
043	FAIRYHILL ......Mr. J. H. Hartigan	2/1
103	COURTESY ......Mr. P. Herbert	3/1
000	KNIGHT GAMBLER ......C. Laver	10/1
200	LAW WITHOUT JUSTICE E. C. Taylor	100/8
110	TRUE COUNT ......Mr. R. Petre	5/1

3.0—BOVENEY HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Three-year-olds only. 1½ m. st. lb.
ANISETTE (Mr. P. Ellison) ......Manby 11 0
CULTURED PEARL (Mr. A. E. Berry) Gosden 11 0
OFFICERS' MESS (Mr. Bailey) ... Bisgood 10 7
BLACKER (Mrs. Bloomfield) G. Bowsher 10 7
POMPOSITY (Mr. E. Brendon) Holland 10 7
LIGHT STAR (Mr. A. J. Bridgman) Bridgman 10 7
KHUSHI (Lord Cadogan)......I. Anthony 10 7
PORTPATRICK (Maj. H. Cayzer) Norris 10 7
GALLIVANT (Sir W. Chilcott) H. Lowe 10 7
FAST AND FAR (Mrs F. A. Clark) R. Hobbs 10 7
PHILCO (Mr. Carleton L. Dyer) Collinson 10 7
GISBOROUGH (Mr A. Francis)......Powell 10 7
FANCY BAY (Mr. F. N. Gee)......Private 10 7
UKASE (Lord Glanely)......Beeby 10 7
IMPERION (Mr. E. Grotrian)...F. Brown 10 7
FRAGRANT MEMORIES (Mr. Guthrie) J. Beary 10 7
VANVITELLI (Lord Harewood).....Barrett 10 7
AMICO (Mrs. H. M. Hartigan) H. Hartigan 10 7
FLAXLEY CHUCK (Mr. Honour) R. Bennett 10 7
ROMAN BOOK (Mr. W. Hutchinson) Hardwicke 10 7
OVERSLEY WOOD (Mr W. G. Ison) Cox 10 7
LORD COPPERTOP (Mr. Ismay) H. Turner 10 7
TARAGAI (Mr. H. A. Jelliss)......Jelliss 10 7
MEMPHIS (Mr. N. Jerram)......Hardwicke 10 7
PETOFORD (Mrs. C. Jones)......Gilbert 10 7
HOLY ORDERS (Mr. H. S. Lester) V. Hobbs 10 7
WINDSOR GREENE (Lady Lochore) Hardwicke 10 7
KILBRIDE (Sir A. McAlpine) Barthropp 10 7
HARALD (Mr. S. McGregor)......Gubbins 10 7
ABINGTON (Mr. J. Metcalf)...H. Harrison 10 7
TORINO (Mr. Z. G. Michalinos) I. Anthony 10 7
GRISELDA (Mr. H. R. Mosenthal) H. Harrison 10 7
TERROR (Mr. W. Murray)......Norris 10 7
WAT TYLER (Lord Normanton)...Private 10 7
ALARUM (Lord Normanton)......Private 10 7
PRINCE MEMNON (Lord Normanton) Private 10 7
GHOST FISH (Mrs P. V. Owen) P. Thrale 10 7
MELO (Miss D. Paget)...W. Nightingall 10 7
KILLARNEY BOY (Miss D. Paget) W. Nightingall 10 7
GAMEFUL (Mr. M. Pass)......Private 10 7
MATOPO HILL (Mr. F. B. Peck) D. Dick 10 7
BAGPIPES (Mr. James V. Rank)...Evans 10 7
ETHLET (Mrs. C. Rich)......W. Nightingall 10 7
KATE COSMO (Mr. T. Richards) W. Nightingall 10 7
UTRECHT (Mr. J. de Rothschild) C. Pratt 10 7
GREY PLUSH (Mr. A. Sainsbury) H. Smyth 10 7
CRANLEY (Mrs. S. Savile)......J. Beary 10 7
DESPERATE MEMORIES (Mrs. S. Savile) J. Beary 10 7
SEA PIRATE (Lord Stalbridge) Stalbridge 10 7
ESAU (Mr. E. Strong)......F. Hartigan 10 7
MAFIUSI (Mr J. M. Terry)......Tabor 10 7
CASTLEBARN (Mr. P. Thrale) P. Thrale 10 7
MY KNIGHT (Capt. N. C. Tufnell) Bankier 10 7
TAKE TIME (Mr. G. Whitelaw) W. Stubbs 10 7
THE CORPORAL (Mr. G. Whitelaw) W. Stubbs 10 7
ORA (Sir E. Wills) ......Nugent 10 7

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
1	ANISETTE	6/1
21	CULTURED PEARL......D. Butchers	8/1
0	POMPOSITY ......E. Goddard	20/1
	KHUSHI ......R. Burford	20/1
0	GALLIVANT ......J. Cox	100/7
00	FAST AND FAR	20/1
	UKASE ......T. F. Carey	20/1
0	IMPERION ......T. McNeill	20/1
	DESPERATE MEMORIES	20/1
0	FRAGRANT MEMORIES C. Mulligan	20/1
00	VANVITELLI	20/1
2	KATE COSMO	5/1
	LORD COPPERTOP	20/1
2	TARAGAI ......G. Archibald	10/1
0	MEMPHIS ......C. Laver	100/6
02	KILBRIDE ......T. F. Rimell	100/8
30	HARALD......Capt. R. Harding	100/7
0	ABINGTON	20/1
00	TORINO	20/1
0	TERROR ......T. Isaac	100/6
0	MATOPO HILL ......W. Hollick	100/8
04	GREY PLUSH	20/1
00	CRANLEY ......M. Doherty	20/1
	SEA PIRATE ......G. Turner	20/1
	ESAU ......J. Fawcus	10/1
3	MAFINSI	100/8
	ORA	20/1

E. C. Taylor rides either Vanvitelli or Kate Cosmo.

3.30—CLUB HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 3 m. Age st. lb.
HUMBLE PIE (Lady Dumfries) Barthropp a 12 7
MUSIC HALL II. (Mr. G. Whitelaw) W. Stubbs 6 12 7
JACK FRIAR (Mr. Marchant) ......Dale 5 12 2
ROYAL RANSOM (Mrs. Selincourt) J. Anthony a 12 2
ONO COP (Mr. C. J. Forbes) J. Beary a 12 0
LUTIN III. (Mrs. Janson) ......Gosden 5 11 12
STRAIGHT LARCH (Miss Hanley) R. Bennett a 11 9
ARCHMAN (Capt. C. Petre) ......Private 6 11 8
ROCK LAD (Mr. H. Bain) F. Furlong a 11 8
WESTERN NYASA (Mr. G. J. Kidston) Private 6 11 8
ALARMIST (Mr. A. E. Berry) ...Gosden a 11 5
CYGNIS (Mr. A. Masters) I. Anthony 6 11 5
TAPINOIS (Mr. W. Hutchinson) ...Hurt a 11 3
THANOS (Mr. J. Simmonds) ...Rayson a 11 3
EMANCIPATOR (Mr. J. Dennis) Gore a 11 2
FRENCH MANDATE (Mr. John Scott) R. Hobbs a 11 1
DRYBURGH (Mr. R. Baron Vick) Vick a 11 0
LANCEHEAD (Lady Normanton) Private 6 10 11
CAPRICHO (Mrs. Ewing) ......Forwood a 10 8
BLAZE (Sir Ernest Wills) ......Nugent a 10 8
TORRISH (Sir Ernest Wills) ...Nugent a 10 7

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
110	HUMBLE PIE ......T. F. Rimell	11/2
0	MUSIC HALL II......M. Prendergast	100/8
342	LUTIN III. ......H. Nicholson	4/1
312	STRAIGHT LARCH......F. C. Brown	100/6
401	ARCHMAN ......Mr R. Petre	10/1
044	ALARMIST ...... ——	100/6
201	CYGNIS ......R. Burford	11/4
111	THANOS ......J. Fraser	10/1
000	EMANCIPATOR ......P. Conlon	7/1
100	CAPRICHO ...... ——	100/6
000	TORRISH ...... ——	100/6

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS

College Steeplechase—Hygiene.
Thursday Hurdle—Scintillant.
December Hurdle—Bright Armour (nap).
Paddock Steeplechase—Courtesy.
Boveney Hurdle—Kate Cosmo.
Club Steeplechase—Cygnis.

TO-DAY'S DOUBLE.

Bright Armour and Cygnis.

HORSES IN TRAINING

AT CURRAGH GLEBE

Promising Juveniles Under James Canty's Care

BY OUR CURRAGH CORRESPONDENT.

SINCE he began training on his own, towards the end of the 1933 season, James Canty has done better each year. He started with just two horses, and, as can be judged by the list appended, he is now the happy and hard-working manager of twenty-four, while he is extremely lucky in having his two sons to assist. Superstitious, The Big Fella, Lansdowne Road, and Curly Top were all winners in the past season, and Old Drumcondra might have also earned brackets had he kept a clean bill of health.

There is a chestnut half-brother by Sir Walter Raleigh to Dawmar, who is sure to make up into a magnificent stamp of three-year-old. He is only just broken and looks like a high-class 'chaser in the making. Fully seventeen hands, he is a striking horse and as distinguished a type as one could wish to see.

There are seventeen two-year-olds, and, if they bear out their evident promise, their trainer will be much in the light during the coming season. A particularly nice filly is the bay daughter of Knight of the Garter—Phyllis, dam of several speedy performers. Bred by Mr. W. Smith, of Navan, she cost 450 guineas at the Ballsbridge sales, and is engaged in all the principal two-year-old events next season. This filly is of good size, quality and bone, and is a splendid mover. The grey filly by Tetratema out of Valla, by Poisoned Arrow, was bred by Major McCalmont, and Lord Milton bought her at the sales for 750 guineas. She is a lovely quality filly of good size, moves well and holds classic liabilities. I should say that these two are the outstanding youngsters of an all-round, good-looking lot.

Testator is sure to train into a smart race-horse, and a nice sharp sort is the Furrokh Siyar colt out of Golden Melody. Mrs. P. J. Ruttledge's Ferryman, own brother to Sedan—who won the first and last two-year-old races of the 1937 season—may also be racing fit for the early part of the year. Bunree is a full sister to The Big Fella, and, as she is somewhat on the small side, she may come early to hand.

A big, backward colt is Ut Belfort, by Ut Majeur—Radiation, by Press Gang. He has fine quality, strength and bone, and is a good mover. The brown filly by Lansdowne—Friendly is three-parts sister to Lansdowne Road, and she is doing so well at the moment that it is quite likely she may be winning races at the beginning of the season. The bay filly by Romney—Thelma is a sister to Faughan Hill, and is sure to race. The bay filly by Concerto—Good Lady was bred at the Cloghran Stud, and was purchased at the sale of the late Mr. Leahy's horses. Her dam is by Blandford, and she is a first foal.

HORSES IN TRAINING

(AGES AS FOR 1938.)

Superstitious, 7 yrs., br. g. by Mascot—Perfidious.
Kamadora, 6 yrs., b. or br. f. by Apron—Gold Market.
Old Drumcondra, 8 yrs., ch. g. by Le Prodige—Salmon Fly.
The Big Fella, 3 yrs., b. c. by Greek Bachelor—Gilaroce.
Lansdowne Road, 3 yrs., br g. by Lansdowne—Tonga II.
Curly Top, 3 yrs., b. c. by Wavetop—Trellis.
Ch. g., 3 yrs., by Sir Walter Raleigh—Gold Market.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

Testator, gr. or br. c. by Pickpocket—Tetrarchia.
Ch. c. by Furrokh Siyar—Stolen Melody.
B. c. by Mr. Standfast—Kyleford.
Ferryman, b. c. by Link Boy—Loc-na-Croice.
Bunree, b. f. by Greek Bachelor—Gilaroce.
Br. f. by Lansdowne—Pie d'Orsay.
B. c. by Pickpocket—Lady Jackdaw.
B. f. by Bold Archer—Dorita.
B. f. by Knight of the Garter—Phyllis.
Br. f. by Lansdowne—Friendly.
Gr. f. by Tetratema—Valla.
Ut Belfort, b. c. by Ut Majeur—Radiation.
B. f. by Romney—Thelma.
B. f. by Concerto—Good Lady.
Kate Moti, bl. f. by Greek Bachelor—Frigidaire.
B. f. by Vesington—Ohio's Gift.
Gr. f. by Lansdowne—Golden Vixen.

Owners for whom training:—Lord Milton, Mr. P. J. Ruttledge, Mrs. P. J. Ruttledge, Mr. B. Kerr, Mr. T. J. McIllin, Mr. W. Jackson, and self.

Jockeys:—J. G. Canty (8st 4lb.), P. Canty (app., 7st. 7lb.), H. Gaynor (7st. 7lb.).

FROM THE HUNTING FIELDS

CO. LIMERICK HOUNDS

The fixture at Creeve's Cross on December 14 yielded a really fine day's sport, although a harsh north wind gave little promise of scent. Caggard was first drawn, and a brace broke, one for Kilcosgriffe and the other tried to cross the Creeve's Cross-Shannagolden road, but was headed by two horsemen at the gate. He then wheeled for Ballylynn Crags, circled left-handed by Old Abbey and back to covert. He broke and was again headed, and finally, with scent of the catchiest he was left.

Cooltomin provided two brace. Two broke for Riddlestown while hounds were on another in covert; one got into a rabbit hole and one was pulled down.

A move was then made to Flavin's, a snug patch of gorse within a few yards of the old thirteenth century castle of Lisnacullia. The good fox which had given us a flying gallop three weeks ago did not disappoint. Hounds were scarcely in when he made the same fine break-away, with hounds out, almost on his brush. The bitches fairly raced through Hartigan's big paddocks, and few could live with them. Leaving the ruined castle of Lisnacullia on his left, the fox set his mask for the south, and crossing the Rathkeale road near Slattery's house, he turned a little to the right. Crossing the road near Coolyhoun he made for the earth there, and then came the first check—a welcome one to horses—for the pace had been a real cracker.

The fox had tried the earth, but Mr. Alexander cast forward and hit the line off and at a more reasonable pace hounds crossed the Limerick-Kerry line and ran into Elm Hill, when this good fox got into the breeding earth. Scent, which had been so hopeless in the morning, was of the best, even running, as we did, down wind. The point was four miles and the distance covered about five miles. But it was the pace which made this gallop such a brilliant one. It was late, but a couple of outlying gorses were tried before hounds were taken home, ending a really good day.

FINGAL HARRIERS

Although weather conditions were not by any means favourable for the St. Margaret's meet a fairly big field turned out, and the going was found to be much better than anticipated. A hare found on Harristown led past Harristown House, and, bearing to the right, went on by Portmellick into Coultry, from where she circled back almost to the place of finding, and was left. A nice hunt followed from Sillogue, through the Merryfalls to near Dubber. Turning sharply here our quarry went on by Poppintry, and, crossing Balcorris, the hunt continued by the back of the old Charter Schools into the lands of Ballymun House, then turning to the left we crossed Miss Nagle's farm in a snowstorm, hounds eventually running out of scent in Sillogue lane, and nothing further was done.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 18th	9-Mile Stone	1.30

THE KILDARE.

To-day	Davidstown Cross-roads	11. 0
Saturday, 18th	Courtown Gate	11. 0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Grangegeeth	11. 0
Friday, 17th	Rahinstown	11. 0

WARD UNION HOUNDS.—By-day, Monday, December 27, at Donaghmore Cross-roads, 1.30.

CO. LIMERICK HOUNDS.—December—Monday, 20th, Four Elms; Tuesday, 21st, Dromore; Wednesday, 22nd, Ross Mills; Thursday, 23rd, Rathfredagh; Tuesday, 28th, Terves Monument; Wednesday, 29th, Croom (11.30); Friday, 31st, Uregare Cross. January—Saturday, 1st, Curragh Chase; Monday, 3rd, Crecora; Tuesday, 4th, Askeaton; Friday, 7th, Kilmeedy; Saturday, 8th, Chawke's Cross. At 11 o'clock.

NORTH KILKENNY HOUNDS.—December—Tuesday, 21st, Freshford; Friday, 24th, Gathabawn; Tuesday, 28th, Three Castles; Wednesday, 29th, Hunt Dance at Ballyconra House; Thursday, 30th, Ballyragget House (11.30) (Cap for Earl Haig Fund). At 11 o'clock.

TIPPERARY FOXHOUNDS.—Change of Meets—December — To-day, Camas Bridge; Saturday, 18th, Hospital (by invitation of the Scarteen Hunt); Monday, 20th, Ballingarry Village; Wednesday, 22nd, Springhill; Thursday, 23rd, The Kennels (cap for kennel staff). At 11 o'clock.

QUEEN'S CO. HOUNDS.—Change of Meet—December — Monday, 20th, Ballybrophy Railway Bridge, instead of Tuesday, 21st. At 11 o'clock.

FINGAL HARRIERS.—December — Friday, 17th, Roganstown; Tuesday, 24th, The Bent. At 12 o'clock.

SCARTEEN HUNT (The Black and Tans).—December—Saturday, 18, Kenmare Castle, Hospital. (Tipperary Hounds, by invitation.)

T. Hall, the Tadcaster trainer, gave his horses, Mount Charles, Gray Patch, Mr. Chance and Rossmere, steady cantering work on the sands at Filey yesterday.

SELECTIONS FOR WINDSOR MEETING

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Irish Times	Hygiene.	Scintillant.	Bright Armour.*	Courtesy.	Kate Cosmo.	Cygnis.
Galtee More	Young Mischief.	—	Durex.	—	Kate Cosmo.	—
S. Life & Sportsman	War Vessel.	Mae West.	Bright Armour.	True Count.	Harald.*	Lutin III., next best.
Man on the Spot	Kilwhang.	Silver Way.	Oo-Er.	Courtesy.	Kate Cosmo.*	Cygnis.
Daily Sketch	War Vessel.	Sea Pride.	Thimble.	True Count.	Kate Cosmo.*	Lutin III.
Star	Young Mischief; Hygiene, place.	Hot Water; l'Eldorado, place.	Bright Armour.* Thimble, place.	Majestic; Courtesy, place.	Kate Cosmo; Grey Plush, place.	Cygnis; Archman, place.
Evening News	War Vessel.	Intelligent Boy.	Oo-Er.	Fairyhill.	Kate Cosmo.	Lutin III.
Evening Standard	Young Mischief.	Lemon Curd.	Bright Armour.	Fairyhill.	W. Nightingall's selected.	Archman.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL

TO-DAY'S TRIAL MATCH

LEINSTER FORWARDS MAY DO BETTER

Kick-off 2.30.

The last of the series of Interprovincial matches will be played to-day, when Leinster meet Connaught at Lansdowne road. Ulster have already won the championship, having beaten the other three provinces, so that little is at stake in to-day's game.

Since the Leinster team was selected last Saturday three changes have been announced—C. V. Boyle, Des. O'Connor, and P. Crowe are unable to play, and their places will be taken by T. Cribben (Blackrock College), A. Carry (Old Wesley), and C. Murphy (Lansdowne).

Connaught, who played a drawn match with Munster, were well beaten by Ulster, as were Leinster. The Leinster forwards, who have been disappointing so far, may do better to-day, as many new men are being tried; and if they win a majority of the scrummages the backs should be equal to bringing off a victory. Teams:—

LEINSTER.

Full-back—(15) C. Murphy (Lansdowne).

Three-quarters—Right wing (14), B. Cruise (Lansdowne); right centre (12), A. Bailey (University College); left centre (13), P. Bailey (Bective Rangers); left wing (11), T. Cribben (Blackrock College).

Half-back — Out (10), A. Carry (Old Wesley); scrum (9), S. W. McCall (Dublin University).

Forwards—(1) V. J. Aird (Old Belvedere), (2) C. R. Graves (Wanderers) (capt.), (3) T. Headon (University College), (4) R. D. Magill (Old Wesley), (5) T. Clements (Dublin University), (6) S. A. Morrison (Blackrock), (7) H. D. Sterling (Wanderers), (8) W. A. Pike (Dublin University).

CONNAUGHT.

Full-back—E. Toner.

Three-quarters— —, McNally, J. Egan, T. Lee, P. Kilkelly.

Half-backs—P. J. Horan, P. O'Flynn.

Forwards—L. Brown, J. Reid, F. Murphy, Waldron, M. Earner, P. Griffin, J. Fitzgerald, J. Raw.

ENGLISH TRIAL CHANGE

R. H. Guest (Liverpool University) is indisposed and will be unable to play on the wing for the Possibles against the Probables in the second English trial at Ipswich on Saturday. His place will be taken by G. E. Hancock (Birkenhead Park), who played for part of the second half of the first trial at Gosforth, following an injury to G. M. Seldon.

WESLEY COLLEGE OLD BOYS BEAT THE SCHOOL

At Bloomfield, Donnybrook, yesterday, Wesley College Old Boys beat Wesley College by 2 goals 5 tries (25 points) to 1 try (3 points). S. H. Polden (3 tries), Bennett, Willoughby, Merrey and May scored for the Old Boys, Polden and Jacobson each converting once. Ashmore scored for the school.

PALMERSTON SCHOOLBOYS

Schoolboys wishing to play for Palmerston during the Christmas vacation should forward their names, addresses, and playing positions to A. M. Raffan, 49 Lower Beechwood avenue, Ranelagh, immediately. Fixtures are required for this team, and communications should be sent to the above address.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE

Leinster v. Connaught. Lansdowne road, 2.30.

SPORTING GOSSIP

Sugar Loaf Killed

Sugar Loaf, reported to have refused in a steeplechase at Nottingham on Tuesday, actually had a leg broken while racing on the flat. It was found necessary to destroy him. He belonged to Mrs. Stubbs, the wife of a Lincolnshire farmer, who bought him for 14 guineas.

Lincolnshire Entries

Entries for the popular spring races, the Lincolnshire Handicap and the City and Suburban Handicap, will be published in the *Irish Times* to-morrow. Other important races that closed this week are the Ascot Gold Cup, the Coronation Cup at Epsom, and the Rosebery Stakes at Kempton Park.

Trainers' Holiday

The Newmarket trainers, Frank Butters, J. L. Jarvis and Harvey Leader, are sailing for South Africa to-morrow. Sir Abe Bailey is travelling by the same boat.

Race Started in Two Rows

There were thirty runners for the Mill Hurdle at Windsor yesterday, and the Stewards decided to have them started in two rows. Fourteen horses were in the first row and sixteen in the second. Prince Rouge, who won, and Apogee, who finished second, were in the first line.

MR. WEBSTER'S STUD SOLD

The entire stud of the well-known Northern owner, Mr. W. Webster, was sold at Wetherby, Yorkshire, yesterday. Mr. Webster is giving up racing and breeding in consequence of ill-health. The best prices were:—

	Gns.
D'Oraine, br. m., 7 yrs., by Haine—Mota d'Or (covered by Winalot) (Mr. M. Peacock)	400
Benrinnes, b. g., 8 yrs., by Buchan—Confey (Mr. G. Burton)	350
Roseann, ch. m., 7 yrs., by Golden Boss—Good Game (covered by Prestissimo) (Mrs. Harbord)	280
Kenna, b. m., 7 yrs., by Blue Ensign—Esla (covered by Limelight) (Mr. M. Peacock)	270
Legis, gr. m., 6 yrs., by Herodote—Scotch Law (Mr. R. Renton)	250
Mountain Daisy, b. or br. m., 4 yrs., by Spion Kop—Vestalia (Mr. H. Rose)	230
Yale Star, b. g., 4 yrs., by Vesington Star—Safety Catch (Mr. D. Macaulay)	230
Swiftsure, b. g., 7 yrs., by Hurstwood—Albia (Mr. R. Renton)	200
Desperation, b. g., 5 yrs., by Despot—Infatuation (Mr. E. C. Sykes)	200

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS

SANDOWN PARK MEETING.
Effingham Selling Steeplechase—Murano.
Ewell Handicap Steeplechase—Sky Knight.
December Handicap Hurdle—Durex.
Oxshot Hurdle—Kota.

MISCELLANEOUS.
Derby engagement, December 20; Wincanton engagement, December 27; and Manchester engagement, January 3—Shanty.
Kempton Park engagement, December 28—Spin Spin.
Newbury engagements—Rough Rider, Hunting Crop, Agile.
Windsor engagement—Jap.
All engagements under National Hunt Rules—Parkin.
All engagements in Mr. F. Shutler's name—Dark Side.
All engagements—Basiloff, General Rush (dead), Sugar Loaf (dead).

BOXING

AN OPPONENT FOR JOE LOUIS

MAN WITH A GOOD K.-O. RECORD

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Jack Kearns, the Detroit promoter, who is managing Jimmy Adamick, the young heavy-weight from Michigan, confirmed to-day that a fight between Adamick and Joe Louis, world heavy-weight champion, in February was "all in the making," but nothing had yet been signed.

Adamick has a terrific punch, which has brought him knock-out victories in the majority of his fights. His most notable triumph was a two-round knock-out win over Maxie Rosenbloom, former light-heavy-weight champion of the world, who had been knocked out only once before, this being when he succumbed to Tommy Milligan in 1928.

GARDA TEAM FOR BERLIN

The Garda Club will send across a team to compete in Berlin on January 7. Permission to send a selected team of four was granted at the meeting of the Standing Committee, I.A.B.A., last night. The team will be:—C. Breathnach and J. Brannigan (Garda), J. Herlihy (Spartan, Kilkenny), and Cpl. W. Moore (Collins).

It was intimated that the Salthill B.C. (Galway) had contributed the sum of £10 to the Stadium Fund.

NEW CONTENDER FOR LYNCH'S TITLES

Tut Whalley, of Hanley, yesterday sent to the British Boxing Board of Control an application to be recognised as an official contender for the world, European and British fly-weight titles held by Benny Lynch, of Glasgow. Whalley, who defeated Pierre Louis, French title-holder, on Monday, has supported his application by challenging Lynch to a fight for £500 a-side.

As Tiny Bostock, of Leek, is already a challenger to Lynch the Board will now have to consider the claims of two boxers from North Staffordshire.

COURSING

LIXNAW

RIVER BRICK STAKES—For 26 dog puppies.
Second Round—Maldoser beat Mundie's Pride; Frizapore beat Smart Fellow; Can't Fly beat Blackest Midnight; Clear Eyed Cutlet beat Gaelic Rostrum's Tough Guy beat Sean's Sandills; Gloria beat Rapscallion; Bashful Sandills, a bye.
Third Round—Maldoser beat Frizapore; Clear Eyed Cutlet beat Can't Fly; Bashful Sandills beat Tough Guy; Sandills Gloria, a bye.
Fourth Round—Clear Eyed Cutlet beat Maldoser; Sandills Gloria beat Bashful Sandills.
Deciding Course—Mr. E. McCarthy's Sandills Gloria (White Sandills—My Gloria) beat Mr. Jas. Cashman's Clear Eyed Cutlet (Bright Eyed Cutlet—Southern Beauty).

LIXNAW STAKES—For 11 all-ages.
Second Round—Grumble Away beat Jolly Gambler; Amber Lassie beat Majestic Monarch; Faithful Sandills beat Much Dearer.
Third Round — Grumble Away beat Faithful Sandills; Amber Lassie a bye.
Deciding Course—Mr. R. Ahearne's Amber Lassie (Malapret—Clonlady) beat Mr. M. Hannon's Grumble Away (Can't Grumble—Bealkilla Rover).

MONUMENT STAKES—For 9 all-ages.
Second Round—Duke John beat Gentle Sandy; Humble Lad beat Dainty Han; Empty Sound, a bye.
Third Round—Empty Sound beat Duke John; Humble Lad, a bye.
Stakes divided between Mr. T. T. Enright's Empty Sound (Glenquin Cutlet—Engine Trouble) and Mr. P. O'Hanlon's Humble Lad (Glenquin Cutlet—Engine Trouble).

BALLYHORGAN STAKES—For 32 one-course all-ages.
Deciding Course—Mrs. M. McCarthy's Cutlet's Maureen (Glenquin Cutlet—Wonderful Love) beat Mr. R. O'Neill's Pride of Harlem (Mick the Nailer—Mary Sunshine).

SMART FASHION CUP—For 30 two-course all-ages.
Deciding Course—Mr. J. Flaherty's Glory of Youth (White Sandills—Hammering Style) beat Mr. Jas. Clark's Parmax (Dee Captain—Paris Cutlet).

OLD COURT STAKES—For 13 no-course all-ages.
Deciding Course—Mr. T. Cronin's Twisted Up (White Sandills—Rosey McCann) beat Mr. M. O'Keeffe's Kilcara Eagle (Eagle's Isle—Sure Knock).

OLDCASTLE RESULTS

CROSSDRUM STAKE—Ballinrink Turn, Baytown Ghost, and Sandstone divided.

OLDCASTLE STAKE—Cavan Lad and Black Lass divided.

BALLINVALLEY STAKE—Moonlight Trial and Feathered divided.

DIAMOR STAKE—Black Drummer and Mena's Pet divided.

MOTOR CYCLING

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT CLUB MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Dublin and District Motor Cycle Club was held last evening at Jury's Hotel under the chairmanship of Mr. P. H. Hurse, who was again elected to the presidency.

Reports presented by the hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were very satisfactory. The expenditure of the year was £23 under income. Twelve competitions were held during the year, and the club has the distinction of holding a greater number of licences than any club in the Southern Centre. Both reports were adopted.

Officers for the year were elected as below:—

President—P. H. Hurse. Vice-presidents—D. Allen, G. L. Hutchinson, W. H. Freeman, W. Malcolmson and Colonel V. Campbell. Hon. Secretary—W. V. Bowie. Hon. Treasurer—J. H. W. Topping. Hon. Competition Secretary—E. I. Gibson. Committee—C. H. W. Manders, E. I. Hurse, A. Harrison, D. Ewan, T. Duffy, A. E. G. Moore, J. J. O'Neill, J. Manley and B. O'Keeffe.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

LEINSTER TRIAL TEAMS

At a meeting of the Leinster senior selectors last night, the following teams were selected for the first Interprovincial trial, to be played on January 1st, the venue to be announced later:—

"A" Team (red tunics)—Misses Parsons (Muckross); K. Conroy (Pembroke Wdrs.), Fitzpatrick (Maids); Hust (Maids), Whiteside (Pembroke Wdrs.), Plews (Old College); McCarroll (Pembroke Wdrs.), J. Wheeler (Old College), O'Beirne (Loreto Past), Spicer (Monkstown), Strahan (Muckross).

"B" Team (green tunics)—Misses Lombard (Glenageary); K. Wheeler (Old College), Tierney (Newcomes); Scally (Pembroke Wanderers), McGilligan (Trinity), Walker (Muckross 2nd); Collen (Old College), Bourke (Muckross), Byrne (Pembroke Wanderers), J. White (Muckross), Bennett (Pembroke Wanderers).

GOLF

IRISH TRIALS IN 1938

Munster's Proposal Adopted: Four New Selectors

By Our Golf Correspondent.

THE Interprovincial trial system, suggested a couple of years ago by the Munster Branch at their annual meeting at Mallow, is to be operated next year by the Golfing Union of Ireland. It was taken down from the shelves and approved by the delegates to the annual meeting held in Dublin.

Next August Interprovincial trial matches are to be held on a seaside course in the Dublin district. Not only that: the Selection Committee has been increased by the election of four well-known golfers—one from each province.

It is not stated in the official report of the meeting issued by Mr. Alan Kidd whether the trial matches are to be played by singles over 18 or 36 holes, or whether the system of aggregate scores over 36 holes is to be experimented with. For all practical purposes, however, an 18 holes match as a trial for a place in an Irish team would be little short of a farce.

ELIMINATE THE FLUKE

Those with experience of championship golf know that anything can occur in an 18 holes match; that the best golfer in the country can be beaten by a much inferior player under such conditions; but it would be different if the test was the searching one of 36 holes or, better still, of 72 holes by medal play, with the aggregates of each province to count for the team win.

Four rounds by strokes would almost completely eliminate the element of fluke, which so largely enters into the one-round match. From such an ordeal the better golfer would of a certainty emerge, and that, after all, is the idea that should be behind all such trials.

When the British authorities hold their trials for the Walker Cup match next year at St. Andrews they will probably make it a seventy-two holes affair. By doing the same thing in connection with the selection of their team for the tournament at Royal Porthcawl in September our Selection Committee would make tolerably sure of discovering who really are the best ten in the country, and at the same time would entirely disarm their critics, who in the past have been prone to accuse them, among other things, of favouritism.

AN INCENTIVE

The trials should arouse the keenest possible interest among the dozens of players throughout the country who are up to or near the international class. In particular golfers on the 1-4 mark now have the incentive to work down to scratch during next summer, in the sure and certain knowledge that by becoming scratchmen they will qualify for the trials—and perhaps for Porthcawl.

It may be that now the Selection Committee will be considered, officially, a bit unwieldy; but, while that may be so, there will be no two opinions as to the usefulness of such additions as Dr. Roy McConnell (Royal Portrush), J. Emmet Dalton (Hermitage), J. F. Costello (Galway) and George Crosbie (Cork). I do not know Mr. Costello; but I do know that the other three will have no use for the actually "finished" golfer when it comes to the selection of the Irish team. A player will have to be really worthy a place before he gets their votes.

Dr. McConnell has for a great many years been on the Irish teams, and is a former Irish Open and Close champion. Emmet Dalton is a scratchman at Hermitage, and George Crosbie is on the 2 mark at Little Island, and could also be scratch if he were not so keen on yachting in the summer.

OFFICIAL REPORT

The annual meeting was held in Dublin. Mr. W. Fitzsimmons (President) was in the chair, and delegates from the four Provinces attended.

It was announced that the international matches in 1938 would be held at Royal Porthcawl, Wales, on 31st-3rd September and that interprovincial trial matches would be arranged in August at a seaside links in Dublin area.

The following fixtures were announced:—

Inter-club finals at Castle, Dublin, 17th-18th June.

Close championship, at Castle, 20th-23rd June.

Open championship, at Portmarnock, 19th-21st July.

Professional championship, at Royal Portrush, 31st August-1st September.

Amateur open stroke, at Royal Co. Down, 3rd September.

Amateur open championship, at Royal Co. Down, 5th-9th September.

Mr. Alan B. Kidd, as hon. secretary, and Messrs. Wright, Fitzsimons and Mayes, auditors, were re-elected.

Mr. C. S. Harden tendered his resignation as hon. treasurer, which was received with regret. Mr. W. F. Neill was elected as his successor from 1st prox.

The Standing Committee and Management of Championships Committee were re-elected, and the following were elected on the International Selection Committee:—H. M. Cairnes, J. F. Costello, G. Crosbie, E. Dalton, R. C. Davidson, C. S. Harden, Alan B. Kidd, J. G. Musgrave, R. M. McConnell, P. O'Flynn, P. F. Purcell, D. W. Smyth and T. P. Toher.

The delegates to the Joint Advisory Council of the British Golf Unions—namely, Messrs. Jas. Henderson, C. S. Harden and Alan B. Kidd—were re-elected. A request from the Joint Advisory Council for the opinion of the Union on the question of the limitation of the number of golf clubs (to be carried by a golfer) to 14 is being sought by referendum from each club committee in Ireland.

The reports on the work of the Board of Greenkeeping Research were received with interest by the delegates, and it is intended to insert a special article in the 1938 Year Book on the advantages of the Research Station to the Irish clubs.

The reports of the hon. secretary and the statement of accounts submitted by the hon. treasurer were considered very satisfactory. There are a few clubs in arrear with their contributions to the general purposes fund, and unless satisfactory reasons are supplied, it is intended that the membership of these clubs must be terminated.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS

GRANGE.

Ladies'.—Christmas Hamper (27 holes)—Class A—Mrs J. J. O'Reilly (21), 108½; Miss Coleman (19), 111½; Mrs. Orr (19), 113½; Mrs Chase (25), 113½; Mrs. Fletcher (21), 115½. Class B—Mrs. Moyles (36), 104; Miss Margot Lennon (36), 110; Miss M. Gracey (29), 111½; Miss Davey (35), 111½; Mrs. Pickeman (29), 112½. Special Prizes—Limit handicap—Miss Scott, 122. Sunday only—Miss A. Gracey (30), 116. Prizes will be distributed on December 21, at 3.30 in clubhouse.

ST. ANNE'S.

Sunday—Fourball sweepstakes, 18 holes, bogey.

ROSSLARE.

Christmas Hamper—B. J. Silke (11), 71; Dr. M. K. O'Brien (7), 72; P. J. Morgan (24), 72. Sunday—Men's fourball, bogey.

CURRAGH.

Ladies'.—To-morrow—Turkey competition, nine holes, stroke (six scaled holes). Draws at 11 o'clock, 2, and 2.30.

MILLTOWN.

To-day—Christmas Hamper, postponed from 9th inst., second nine holes, strokes. Optional sweepstakes.

DONABATE.

Ladies'.—Saturday—Christmas Hamper, nine holes, strokes. Draws from 2.30. Winner December medal—Miss G. Brennan, 2 down.

BRAY.

Turkey competition, week ending 12th December. Winner—D. McLoughlin (20), 36. Turkey competition, 13th to 19th December, 9 holes, bogey.

Ladies' Branch—Medal finals—Miss Finn (13), 81, and Mrs. Elliott (22), 81.

RATHFARNHAM.

Saturday—Turkey competition, 9 holes, strokes. Four prizes in each class.

TRIM SHOW AND SALE

REDUCED ENTRY, BUT GOOD EXHIBITS

TOP PRICE OF THE DAY £32 10/-

From Our Reporter.

TRIM, Wednesday.

THERE were 204 entries, a decline of 93 from last year's event, at the ninth annual fat stock show and sale of the Trim Agricultural Committee, which was held at the show grounds here to-day. The general standard of the exhibits was high, and the highest price in the sales was £32 10s., paid by Mr. L. Goodman to Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson for her first prize-winning Aberdeen-Angus bullock. Mr. Goodman also bought the second prize-winner in the same class, belonging to Mr. Thomas Fagan, Antylstown, Navan, for £30. Miss E. Niblock, of Little Rath, Trim, sold her winner of the Hereford medal, weighing 11 cwt., to Mr. Paul O'Flynn, of Cork.

Good commercial cattle made from 33s. to 35s. a cwt. The actual number of animals sold was 148 out of the total, 204.

The auctioneers were Messrs. P. Bligh and Sons, M.I.A.A., Trim.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Auctioneers' Cup, for champion beast in show—Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson, Rathnally, Trim; reserved, same owner.

Committee Cup, for best butcher's beast sold at show—Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson; reserved, T. E. Potterton, Rathcormick, Athboy.

Hereford Bronze Medal, for best pure-bred or cross-bred—Miss E. Niblock, Little Rath, Trim; reserved, H. Thornburgh Hanbury, Somerstown, Trim.

The Aberdeen-Angus Silver Medal, for best pure-bred or cross-bred Aberdeen-Angus—Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson; reserved, same owner.

AWARDS

Group of Three Bullocks, A.A. or A.A. Cross-breds (any weight)—1 and 2, Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson, Trim; res., T. E. Potterton, Rathcormick, Athboy.

Three Bullocks other than A.A. or A.A. Cross (any weight)—1, Michael Bracken, Ballivor; 2, Joseph Farrell, Ballivor; 3, P. H. Gill, Enfield; res., Miss M. E. Sharpe, Trim.

Three Heifers, A.A. or A.A. Cross—1, Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson.

Three Heifers other than A.A. or A.A. Cross—1, H. Thornburgh Hanbury, Somerstown, Trim; 2, H. N. Potterton Freffans, Laracor.

Bullock (10 cwt. or over), A.A. or A.A. Cross—1, Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson; 2, Thomas Fagan, Antylstown, Navan; res., Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson.

Bullock (over 10 cwt.), Polled, other than A.A. or A.A. Cross—1, Michael Keogh, Dublin road, Enfield; 2, W. Shaw, Drumree; res., Miss M. E. Sharpe.

Heifer (9 cwts. or over), A.A. or A.A. Cross—1 and 2, Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson.

Heifer (9 cwts. or over), other than A.A. or A.A. Cross—1, H. Thornburgh Hanbury; 2, P. D. Cullinan, Carrollstown, Trim; res., Patrick Newman, Drinadaly, Trim.

Fat Cow (any weight)—T. E. Potterton, Rathcormick, Athboy.

Baby Beef Bullock—1, Joseph Farrell, Ballivor; 2, Dr. O'C. O'Reilly, Mornington, Trim; res., W. McManus, Killcomb, Trim.

Baby Beef (Heifer)—1, Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson; 2, Dr. O'C. O'Reilly; 3, J. Renehan, Ballyboy, Athboy; 4, P. Sweeney, Mitchelstown, Trim; res., J. Connell, Dunderry, Navan.

Early Maturity (Bullock)—1, Miss E. Niblock, Little Rath, Trim; 2 and 3, Dr. O'C. O'Reilly; res., H. Thornburgh Hanbury.

Early Maturity (Heifer)—1 and 2, H. Thornburgh Hanbury; 3, C. McGarry, Crossinstown, Ballivor; res., H. Thornburgh Hanbury.

Small Cattle (Bullock, under 10 cwt.)—1, P. H. Gill, Ashmount, Enfield; res., W. Lewis, Mountown, Trim.

Small Cattle (Heifer)—1, H. T. Hanbury; 2, P. McMahon, Rathmolyon, Enfield; res., P. Bray, Robinstown, Navan.

THE SALES

The principal prices at the auction sales were:—Three bullocks (any weight), Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson's first prize winning group, was sold to T. Caplan at £22 10/- each, and her second prize winners to T. Woods for £22 each. The third prize winners of T. E. Potterton were bought by T. Caplan for £14 each. Other sales were:—P. H. Gill to J. Lynch, £32 10/-; Miss J. Griffin to T. Caplan, £31; Miss Sharpe to J. Flinn, £30; J. Farrell to T. Caplan, £18 5/-; same owner to J. Lynch, £22; H. W. Potterton to T. Woods, £19; H. W. Potterton to G. Hoey, £19; H. G. Kirwan to P. Killeen, £20/-, and H. T. Hanbury to T. Woods, £18 10/-.

Group of Three Heifers (any weight)—Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson's first prize winners were sold to Mr. D. Kelly for £18 each; H. M. Potterton's second prize winners to F. Flinn at £16 each; H. T. Hanbury's first prize winner to D. Kelly for £17 15/-.

Bullocks (10 cwt. and over)—Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson's first prize winner to L. Goodman at £32 10/-; T. Fagan's second prize winner to same buyer for £30. Other prices:—P. Daly to G. Hoey, £20 15/-; P. Daly to D. Kelly, £25; M. Bracken to H. McGovern, £22 10/-; H. J. Kirwan's first prize winner to L. Goodman, £27 10/-; Patrick Daly to J. Lynch, £21; W. Lewis to T. Caplan, £20; Dr. O'C. O'Reilly to John Daly, £24; W. Kane to J. Flinn, £18 5/-; W. Shaw (second prize winner) to J. McGuirk, £20; M. Keogh (first prize winner) to D. Kelly, £32; Miss Sharpe to H. McGovern, £24; James Rooney to J. Lynch, £18 10/-.

Heifers (9 cwt. and over)—H. Thornburgh Hanbury's first prize winner to P. Flynn, £17 10/-; P. D. Cullinan's second prize winner to T. Caplan, £14 10/-; P. Newman to P. Flynn, £15; Mrs. Griffin to G. Hoey, £13 10/-.

Fat Cows—T. E. Potterton's first prize winner to James Coldrick, £16; H. Thornburgh Hanbury to D. d'Arcy, £13 5/-.

Baby Beef—A. J. Brogan to P. Killeen, £10 10/-; W. Shaw to T. Caplan, £11 10/-; P. H. Gill to J. Lynch, £16 10/-; W. McManus to W. Woods, £12 10/-; H. Thornburgh Hanbury to G. Hoey, £14; Dr. O'C. O'Reilly to J. Flinn, £15; James Connell to D. Kelly, £14 10/-; Mrs. d'Arcy Thompson (first prize-winner) to G. Hoey, £18 15/-; Thomas Regan to F. Flinn, £13 10/-; J. Renehan to P. Flinn, £15; P. Sweeney to D. Kelly, £15; Dr. O'C. O'Reilly (second prize-winner) to P. Flinn, £16 15/-; Mrs. J. Rickards to P. Killeen, £12 10/-.

Early Maturity Bullocks—Miss E. Niblock (first prize-winner) to P. Flinn, £25 10/-; Dr. O'C. O'Reilly (second prize-winner) to L. Goodman, £23 10/-; Dr. O'C. O'Reilly (third prize-winner) to P. Flinn, £19 10/-; W. Shaw to J. Lynch, £18 10/-; J. Renehan to J. Coldrick, £16; J. Farrell to J. Lynch, £19; W. Sweeney to J. Coldrick, £19 5/-; T. E. Potterton to P. Killeen, £13 10/-; Miss Niblock to P. Flinn, £25 10/-; T. McGarry to W. Smith, £15 10/-; P. D. Cullinan to T. Caplan, £16 10/-; W. Kane to P. Killeen, £16 5/-; Dr. O'Reilly to G. Hoey, £16.

Early Maturity Heifers—H. T. Hanbury's first prize-winner to D. J. Keiley, £18 15/-, and his second prize-winner to P. Flinn for £15 10/-; P. Sweeney to T. Caplan, £14 15/-; T. E. Potterton to P. Killeen, £11; C. McGarry to D. Kelly, £12; Dr. O'Reilly to T. Caplan, £12 10/-; A. W. Redpath to T. Caplan, £10; W. Kane to P. Flinn, £13.

Bullock under 10 cwt.—P. H. Gill's first prize-winner to W. Smith for £18 10/-; W. J. Lewis to J. Flinn, £16.

Heifer under 9 cwts.—H. T. Hanbury's first prize-winner to P. Flinn, £14 5/-; P. McMahon's second prize-winner to D. Kelly, £16; P. Bray to T. Caplan, £10 10/-.

OUT OF THE BLUE

A remarkable storm of short duration, but great local intensity, recently occurred in the Arcturus district of Southern Rhodesia.

Three separate thunderstorms, to the north, east and south of the Ceylon gold mine, appeared to converge into one. Trees were uprooted, the roofs of the houses torn off, and, in inky darkness, three inches of rain fell within an hour. The little Unitenji river, which at normal times one can almost jump, swelled at one place to a width of 200 yards. People who have lived in the neighbourhood for twenty-five years have no recollection of any similar hurricane.

With the exception of some drowned poultry there was no loss of life among the inhabitants or their livestock.

NEW LAMP KILLS GERMS

A new lamp has been invented which, it is claimed, kills mould and bacteria. It has taken nine years to develop, and has now been placed on the market in the United States.

Called the "sterilamp," the invention is stated to be strongly germicidal, and prevents the growth of mould and bacteria on meat and bakery products. Tests have also shown the lamp can be used for pasteurising milk and beer and sterilising air.

COMFORT FOR THE CAMPER

Electrically warmed sleeping bags, flooring materials which will keep away insects and portable electric lighting for tents will be a few of the additional comforts the camper will be able to enjoy in 1938. These and many other aids to perfect camping will be exhibited at a Camping Exhibition to be held in London next April, and which will be organised by the Camping Club of Great Britain.

EGG-LAYING TEST

WYANDOTTES IN THE LEAD

RHODE ISLAND REDS DO WELL

THE second report issued by the Department of Agriculture in connection with the current egg-laying test at the Munster Institute, Cork, covers the period from 1st October to 25th November.

Excluding eggs which were under the weight prescribed for second grade, and making allowance for the death of one pullet since the commencement of the test, the average egg-yield per pullet for each of the competing breeds was as follows:—

Breed.	Eight Weeks.
White Wyandotte	31.4
Rhode Island Red	26.6
White Leghorn	22.5
Barred Rock	24.9
Light Sussex	27.0
Buff Rock	27.3
Ancona	11.0
	28.1

The pen of White Wyandottes owned by Mrs. K. Graham, Ballagh Lodge, Donadea, Co. Kildare, still leads with a score of 274 eggs, value £2 4s. 4d.

On the basis of values the following are the owners of the leading pens (5 pullets) in each section:—

WHITE WYANDOTTE

Owner.	Value of Eggs. £ s. d.	Total Eggs
Mrs. M. Mulligan, Paughanstown, Dunleer, Co. Louth	2 1 3	256
Miss B. Quain, Anglesboro', Co. Limerick	2 1 0	254
Mr. W. Fitzgerald, Glenboy House, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim	2 0 5	250
Mr. M. Burchael, Kill, Co. Kildare	2 0 5	253
Sister Agnes, St. Martha's College, Sion, Navan, Co. Meath	1 18 1	244

WHITE WYANDOTTE (STATION HOLDERS)

Mrs. K. F. Graham, Ballagh Lodge, Donadea, Co. Kildare	2 4 4	274
Mr. M. Burchael, Kill, Co. Kildare	2 1 6	267
Mrs. A. B. Barbour, Knockbeg House, Collooney, Co. Sligo	1 17 8	231
Miss M. Mulcahy, Abbeyview, Clonmel	1 16 5	225
Miss K. Newman, Drinadaly, Trim, Co. Meath	1 16 1	225
Mrs. M. Connelly, Carrigamore, Corvally, Dundalk	1 14 2	222

RHODE ISLAND RED

Miss S. M. Cooke, Aske, Gorey, Co. Wexford	1 14 0	218
Miss D. Strong, Moate House, Ceanannus Mor, Co. Meath	1 13 6	214
Miss M. O'Donovan, Dromore, Villierstown, Cappoquin	1 12 8	203
Mrs. M. A. Millar, Millview, Co. Longford	1 12 4	201

RHODE ISLAND RED (STATION HOLDERS)

Mr. W. Murphy, Skeeter Park, Clearicestown, Co. Wexford	1 19 2	247
Mrs. M. J. Walker, Ballyloughan, Bruckless, Co. Donegal	1 15 0	220
Mrs. M. Sparrow, Graystown, Killenaule, Thurles	1 14 7	221
Miss M. O'Donovan, Dromore, Villierstown, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford	1 12 1	209
Miss C. Mealiff, Ballinamona House, Tullamore	1 10 10	203

NON-SITTING BREEDS

Miss A. M. Kearney, Derry, Shercock, Co. Cavan (White Leghorn)	1 19 2	241
The Rev. Brother Bergin, Our Lady of Lourdes, Cahermoyle, Ardagh, Co. Limerick (White Leghorn)	1 7 11	178
Mr. R. Finnegan, Stoneyford, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny (White Leghorn)	1 5 10	162
Mrs. M. Hanly, Cooga, Doon, Co. Limerick (White Leghorn)	1 5 5	166

ANY OTHER G.P. BREED

Mrs. M. Brady, Knocknagranamen, Inniskeen, Dundalk (Barred Rock)	1 14 0	229
Mrs. K. McCabe, Derry, Aughnamullen, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan (Buff Rock)	1 13 10	217
Mrs. M. Roche, Talbot Hall, New Ross, Co. Wexford (Light Sussex)	1 10 8	207
Mrs. E. Naughton, Slattamore, Reaskey, Dromod, Co. Roscommon (Buff Rock)	1 5 6	161

A LUCKY "GUY"

Most Southern Rhodesian parents do their utmost to maintain home traditions, but sometimes there are difficulties. On 5th November last, in Salisbury, a little lady aged 10 set about making a "guy." With her mother's assistance she collected some old clothes and thereupon devoted the afternoon to stuffing hay into the stockings, trousers, coat and hat—and tying them together with string. While this was proceeding father was collecting the materials for a bonfire in the back garden. Apparently the grotesque looking guy somehow had "personality," for when the time came for burning, the child clasped it tightly in her arms, saying, after a long silence: "I am not going to let him go—I am too fond of him."

"THE FELLOWS IN THE HOLE OPPOSITE"

At a "trench supper" held by ex-Service men in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, on Armistice Day, Mr. F. Dale, a member of the German Imperial Guard, responded to the toast of "The Fellows in the Hole Opposite," and his speech was received with cheers. Several other German ex-Service men were present. The menu included bully-beef, plum and apple jam and ration cheese. The pickled onions brought tears to the eyes of many old soldiers. The food was served by mess orderlies, who staggered along communication trenches under immense dixies carried from the Quartermaster's store.

R.I.A.M. MEETING

A group taken at last night's meeting of the Governors of the Royal Irish Academy of Music. Seated (from left): Mr. Sealy Jeffares (Secretary), Maestro Cavaliere Vianni, Mr. M. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Sidford Fannin, Dr. J. F. Larchet (Chairman), Mrs. W. J. M. Starkie and Mr. J. J. Holloway. Behind: Mr. A. Edward Smith, Mr. Liam Paul, Mrs. O'Hara, Mr. F. P. Griffith, Mr. Frank Wynn, Mrs. McDonnell, Mr. M. W. O'Reilly and Mr. D. McCullough.

CHRISTMAS AT NUREMBERG

CHRISTKINDLEIN FAIR

A CENTURIES-OLD SURVIVAL

FOR many centuries the Christkindlein Fair, held in the old market-place in Nuremberg—now Adolf Hitler square—was inseparably connected the sacred feast of Christmas. The old market was surrounded by quaint high-gabled houses and the beautiful Church of Our Lady, and no Nuremberg child ever thought of Christmastide without associating with the Fair in the market-place. Records dating from the 15th century describe the Nuremberg "Christ's Mass, which later came to be popularly called the "Christkindle Market," or simply the "Kindle Market." All of a sudden, toward the end of the 19th century, the "Market" was banished from its old home on the square and transferred to the less attractive site on Schutt Island, where it lost much of its original charm and significance. After about ten years it was again forced to move and dwindled down to a small local affair, entirely bereft of anything in the nature of the real Christmas spirit. What was left of it was finally exhibited in the old Nuremberg Transportation Museum about 1923, where it was all but forgotten, save as a tradition, until 1933, when, after much difficulty, it was fully revived in all its former beauty.

"CHRISTKINDLESMARKT"

The best part of this revival is that the old "Market" has gone back to its place near the Our Lady Church and the old patrician houses on Adolf Hitler Square. The "Kindlesmarkt" is no longer what it had been for the past thirty years, a fair where cheap goods were hawked by wandering pedlars, but a market where the best products of the Nuremberg craftsmen can be seen and bought, so that it is now a proud adjunct of the "city of toys," as Nuremberg has been called for many centuries. The "Christkindlesmarkt" is now formally opened on December 4th of each year—St. Barbara's Day. From the steps of the Marienkirche the Christmas Angel greets the citizens, while all around stand the booths, still unlighted except by the twilight of the winter evening. Choirs of children sing the beautiful old Christmas carols, to the accompaniment of the church bells, which begin to ring just as lights begin to appear in the booths and on the market-place. Not, however, the glaring arc-lamps or searchlights of modern times, but the soft light of specially made lamps, resembling the old lanterns of mediæval times. In the gleam of these lamps how fascinating all the toys, the Christmas angels, the tin soldiers and the dolls made from plums look as they stand on the counters in the little booths. The empty shelves and the bare boards of the booths have suddenly become a fairyland of Christmas-tree ornaments, picture books, mechanical toys and innumerable dolls, to say nothing of the sweetmeats of every variety. For the last two Christmas seasons an artistic representation of the Holy Family has stood in the centre of the square, the work of Nuremberg wood-carvers.

At the main entrance to the market-place proper, and on the same side of the square as the City Hall, stands a gigantic figure of an angel, done in gold tinsel. This symbol of Christmas is the work of Nuremberg artists working with coloured brass plate. A halo encircles the head of the figure and reflects the light in every direction, and above is a great lighted wreath of gold, which sways gently in the evening breeze. At the other entrances to the square are figures of Santa Claus and other characters from children's fables. Visitors to the Christkindlein Market can easily find their way, as all streets leading to the square are specially lighted with red lights framed in shiny brass wreaths. These lights begin at the railway station, and continue the entire way to the square, dividing into two lines of lights at the Museum Bridge and the Fleisch Bridge. Two weeks before Christmas the entire city of Nuremberg will be illumined, bringing into bright relief the old historical houses on the principal streets and squares.

NOT-SO-RARE RARE STAMP

According to figures supplied by the Postmaster-General, more of the "rare" Southern Rhodesian threepenny Coronation stamps were sold in London than in the Colony, the figures being 240,000 and 130,440, respectively. The number of Coronation stamps ordered for Southern Rhodesia was based on the normal requirements for the period that they were on sale, i.e., from the Coronation to August 31, 1937, with the addition of an estimated supply for collectors. As is well known, the whole threepenny issue was bought up in a few days.

SWIMMING

AUSTRALIAN BOY BEATS EMPIRE GAMES RECORD

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

Robin Biddulph, Australia's "star" boy swimmer, has broken the Empire Games record for 440 yards by 4 2-5 secs. in winning the Manly Club's championship in 4 mins. 58 3-5 secs. here. The Empire Games record, set up by another Australian, Noel Ryan, in London in 1934, is 5 mins. 3 secs. Andrew Charlton holds the Australian record with 4 mins. 55 2-5 secs.

Biddulph's coach says that, apart from the Japanese, no youth of 17 has ever equalled Biddulph's time. "Even Charlton could not equal it at that age, his best efforts being 5 mins. 11 4-5 secs. and 5 mins. 6 secs. when 16, and 4 mins. 59 4-5 secs. when 19," he adds. Biddulph stands over six feet and is still growing.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

F.A. CUP RESULTS

SECOND ROUND.

Crewe Alexandra	2	New Brighton	2
Mansfield Town	2	Lincoln City	3

SECOND ROUND REPLAYS.

Bristol City	0	Cardiff City	2
Brighton	6	South Liverpool	0
York City	1	Clapton Orient	0

LACROSSE

PIONEERS' CLUB

There will be a general practice at Park avenue to-day at 2.30.

SQUASH RACKETS

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES

GRAY CUP—SEMI-FINALS.

Fitzwilliam (3) v. Trifers (2).
University (5) v. Trinity.

SNOOKER

LINDRUM V. NEWMAN

Newman reduced Lindrum's lead to two frames in their Gold Cup tournament heat at Thurston's, London, yesterday. Newman won four frames in the afternoon, and each had three successes at night. The best breaks were 44 and 66 by Newman, and 54, 77, 47 and 46 by Lindrum. Present score:—Lindrum 19 frames; Newman, 17 frames.

PREHISTORIC TOOLS FOUND

OPENING OF THE BAMBATA CAVE

Situated high up in the Matopos Mountains, not far from Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, a cave of extraordinary interest has just been opened to the public under the ægis of the Historical Monuments Commission.

It was first examined in 1910 by two experts of the Rhodesian National Museum, whose appetite for investigation was at once whetted by pictures on the walls. These are of men and animals, and, during past ages, have been superimposed one above the other at no less than five different periods.

Further examination of this cave has followed at intervals, and in 1929 Professor A. Leslie Armstrong led an expedition which dug carefully into the floor.

The first twelve inches, of grey ash, contained fragments of pottery believed to belong to the earliest Zimbabwe period and tiny stone tools, and beads made of ostrich egg shell, which are associated with the Welton people or early Rhodesian Bushmen. The next ten feet yielded well-made spear heads, scrapers, and graving tools of stone. Those near the top were beautifully finished, but deeper down they became steadily more primitive. From the name of the cave this assemblage of prehistoric tools is known as the Bambata Industry, which was practised by a race known as Mousterian.

At 16 feet from the surface the diggers came across large hand axes and choppers associated with the early Stone Age.

It is difficult to determine exactly the period of the existence of the users of these latter tools, but, for various reasons, it could hardly have been less than 200,000 years ago.

NEW OCEAN AIR ROUTE

SURVEY PARTY'S TASK

The survey of a direct air route between England and West Africa is the task of a party representing the Air Ministry and British Airways, which has just left London for Freetown. From Freetown it will travel back along the coast to Bathurst, in the Gambia, examining possible sites for aerodromes and harbours from which landplanes and seaplanes might operate services across the South Atlantic. On the results of this investigation will depend the decision whether land or marine aircraft shall work the projected British services between Europe and Latin America.

Provision of emergency landing grounds and ground stations will also be the concern of the party. British Airways, which operates State-subsidised services between Great Britain and Scandinavia, was chosen to make the preliminary survey of the South America run after careful consideration of several schemes submitted to the Air Ministry. Lisbon and Bathurst are vital points, and in September conferences in Lisbon between Major Ivor McClure, Director of Operational Services and Intelligence in the Civil Aviation Department, Air Ministry, and Major J. R. McCrindle, managing director of British Airways, carried the plans a stage further.

The British Government has agreed to pay out-of-pocket expenses incurred in developing the services, including the cost of experimental flights. Immediately preparations are sufficiently well advanced the Government will begin to make payments to the operating company at a fixed rate per flight. Further, the Ministry will indemnify the company in respect of capital involved in approved purchase of flying equipment for the West African and South Atlantic services. Choice of aircraft will be made in consultation between the company and the Ministry. Meanwhile, one of the two long-range De Havilland Albatross four-engined monoplanes built for the Ministry will be handed over to British Airways for experimental flights, and may be used for the first crossing about the middle of next year. Possibly other landplanes may be considered. Britain is building the world's fastest bombers, and a civil version of one of them might be suitable for inauguration of a "mails only" service, though the additional security of four engines is demanded for passenger transport. Selected British Airways pilots have already begun special courses of training to fit them for these experimental ocean flights.

The present survey may last two or three months. Subsequently a considerable amount of development work and preliminary organisation will be necessary before the experimental flights may be undertaken. Eventually the British air line to South America is likely to go by way of Lisbon, Bathurst, Natal in Brazil, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires.

SHADE FOR SALISBURY

HE PLANTED THE JARACANDAS

The City of Salisbury, the capital of Southern Rhodesia, is celebrated for the magnificent Jacaranda and Flamboyant trees that fringe its streets with a blaze of violet and flame-coloured blossoms.

The man who first introduced the trees to Salisbury, Mr. A. H. Holland, is now visiting Salisbury, after an absence of 20 years.

Some thirty years ago Mr. Holland imported and planted Jacarandas and Flamboyants opposite his house. They did so well that others were ordered for Government House. Since then whole streets have been graced with them in Salisbury and other towns of the colony. The Jacaranda has leaves like a fern and numerous flowers like violets.

WORLD POWER CONFERENCE

A World Power Conference sectional meeting is to be held in Vienna in August next year. The supply of energy for the home, the agricultural industry and small industries, public lighting and electric railways are to be the subjects for consideration.

Always sure of a good reception, Player's Navy Cut Cigarettes will prove more popular than ever this year in their gay decorative cartons.

And as a suggestion for the pipe smoker—Player's Medium Navy Cut in the handy 2-oz. and 4-oz. tins.

PRICES:

"MEDIUM" NAVY CUT CIGARETTES

50 for	2/6
100 for	5/-
150 for	7/6

"MEDIUM" NAVY CUT TOBACCO

2-oz. tin	2/2
4-oz. tin	4/4

PLAYER'S

"IT'S THE TOBACCO THAT COUNTS"

Financial News & Notes

DUBLIN SUBDUED

FREE STATE FUNDS STEADY

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS HARDER

There was a further contraction in trading on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday, for the public were still marking time. Local issues inclined easier in places, but British Industrials showed a harder trend.

The Free State Funds were well maintained, and 4 p.c. Land Bonds improved to 101⅞. British Funds inclined higher, and War Loan rose to 101 1/16.

Cork 4 p.c. Loan added a fraction, but Dublin 3½ p.c. 1955-80 fell 10s. Banking issues, where quoted, held steady.

Guinness Ord. eased the turn at 121s. 3d.

Great Northern Ord. improved to 5¼, but Great Southern Pref. fell a point.

Crowe Wilson Ord. made headway to 10s., and Alliance Gas Ord. repeated 33s.

Goulding Ord. fell several pence, and Drummond Pref., Independent Pref. and May Roberts (Ireland) Ord. all moved against holders.

There was a little more life about British Industrials. Coats Ord. gave way to 40s. 3d., but Courtaulds hardened slightly.

Imperial Tobaccos showed little change at 144s. Vickers Ord. were in good demand and advanced to 25s. 6d.

Dunlop Rubbers quoted 31s. 10½d. and Imperial Chemicals tended higher. Brazilian Traction were a strong feature at 13 15/16, and Shell Transport Ord. reflected support in nominal figures.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

The prices given in the following tables were marked before 2.45 p.m. yesterday:—

GOVERNMENT FUNDS.		
5% Second National Loan	(113)	113
4½% Third Loan	(109)	109
3½% Fourth Loan	(101)	101
4% Conversion Loan	(105)	105
4½% Land Bonds	(107⅝)	*107⅝
Do. (under £200)	(107⅝)	107⅝
4% Land Bonds	(101½)	101¾
BRITISH FUNDS.		
2½% Consols	(74)	74b
3½% War Loan	(101⅝)	101½ 1 7/16
4% Funding Loan	(111⅝)	112b 112¾a
3½% Conversion Loan	(101¾)	101¾b 102½a
3% Local Loans	(87⅛)	86¾b 87⅛a
India 3½% Stock	(93)	93b 93¾a
CORPORATION STOCKS.		
Cork 4% Loan	(100)	100¼
Dublin 3¼% 1944	(96¾)	96¾
Do. 3½% 1935/80	(96¾)	*96¼
BANKS.		
Bank of Ireland	(331)	331
National	(53/9)	*53/6 3/9
BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.		
Distillers Ord.	(102/9)	101/6b 103/6a
Guinness Ord.	(121/6)	121/3
TELEGRAPHS.		
Cable Pref.	(102⅛)	*102¼
RAILS, TRAMS, ETC.		
Great Northern Ord.	(5)	*5¼
Great Southern Pref.	(36)	*35
GAS.		
Alliance Gas Ord.	(33/-)	*33/-
DRAPERIES.		
Crowe Wilson Ord.	(9/6)	10/-
IRISH INDUSTRIALS.		
Carroll Ord.	(26/-)	26/-
Cement Ord.	(21/9)	21/9
Clondalkin Paper Ord.	(8/5¼)	8/6a
Drummond Pref.	(17/7)	*17/-
Goodbody Ord.	(20/9)	*20/-
Do. Pref.	(24/-)	*23/9
Independent Pref.	(29/5)	28/9
Irish Sugar Pref.	(24/-)	24/-
May Roberts (Ireland) Ord.	(48/6)	*48/-
Millar (A.) Pref.	(16/1)	*16/-
Thom. (Alex.) Ord.	(46/-)	46/-
BRITISH INDUSTRIALS.		
B.A.T. Ord.	(103/-)	102/3b 103/9a
Brazilian Traction	(13½)	13 15/16
Coats (J. and P.) Ord.	(41/-)	40/3
Courtaulds Ord.	(45/-)	45/1½
Dunlop Rubbers	(32/4½)	31/10½
Electrical and Musical	(16/6)	16/-b 17/-a
Ford Motors Ord.	(21/3)	20/9b 21/9a
Imperial Chemical Ord.	(35/3)	35/6
Imperial Tobacco Ord.	(145/10½)	144/-
Lever 8% Pref.	(33/3)	32/10½
Mexican Eagle Oil		*14/1½
Shell Transport Ord	(93/6)	96/-b 97/3a
Vickers Ord.	(25/-)	25/4½ 5/6

* Odd lot. a asked. b bid. c cash. (Last business done given in parentheses.)

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango	Jan. 3	Jan. 17
Ticket	Jan. 4	Jan. 18
Intermediate	Jan. 5	Jan. 19
Account Day	Jan. 6	Jan. 20

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Irish Banks' Rate (June 30, 1932)	3 %
Loans on Government Stocks transferred	2½%
Deposits under £2,000	1 %
Deposits of £2,000 and over	1½%

The rates in the foregoing table are subject to variation.

BELFAST

Exchange moderately active. Northern Bank "A," 114s. 6d.; Great Northern Railway Ord., 5; Belfast Ropeworks, 22s.; Bernard Hughes repeated 35s. 3d.; Inglis, 88s.; Robinson and Cleaver, 37s. 9d.; Harland and Wolff "B" Ord., 6s. 6d.; John Milligan, 4s. 3d. bid; Gallahers, 122s. 6d.; White, Tomkins and Courage, 42s. 6d.

CORK

Third National Loan unaltered, 109; Fourth Loan, 101; Conversion loan, 105; Land Bonds steady, 107⅝; War Loan harder, 101½; Bank Stock remained at 331; Munsters, buyers, 121s. 6d.; Nationals easier, 53s. 6d.; Clondalkin Paper Mills Ord., sellers, 8s. 6d.; Cork Corporation 1933 Stock improved to 100½; Dublin Corporation 3½ per cent. Stock dealt in, 96⅜; Dunlop Rubber Ord. fell to 30s. 3d.; Guinness Ord. further depreciated to 121s. 3d.; Irish Tanners Ord., buyers, 10s.; T. Lyons (fully paid), sellers, 77s. 6d.; £4 paid, buyers 57s. 6d., sellers 60s.; Pref., buyers.

MOTORS AND TEXTILES

BIRMINGHAM

Several recoveries reported, including Leylands to 81/3. Rolls to 91/9, Rovers to 18/9, Standards to 15/6, and Triplex to 48/3.

Alvis	4/-	Morris	31/3
Austins	30/6	Napiers	9/3
Do. "A"	25/1½	Raleighs	60/3
Bluemels	33/7½	Rileys	14/6
Dennis	20/6	Singers	4/6
Guys	2/4½	Triumphs	1/4½
Humbers	16/3	Dunlops	32/4½
Lucas	56/9		

MANCHESTER

Textiles quiet, but somewhat irregular. Coats slightly easier.

Bleachers	4/9-5/3	Cottons	37/3-38/-
Dyers	5/-5/6	Velvets	3/6-4/-
"Slubbers"	5/6-5/9	Spinners	5/9-6/-
Calicos	7/-7/6	Henry	13/-13/6
Coats	40/9-41/3	Turner and Newall	83/-84/-
Courtaulds	45/-45/6		
Dunlops	32/3-32/9	Wall Paper Def.	37/-37/6

LONDON "STREET" MARKET

Internationals reflected the more cheerful conditions on Wall Street yesterday, and in the "street" market there were small gains in most of the leading issues. Little business was done, however, and dealers dispersed after a short while. U.S. Steels went ahead to 57⅝, but later came on offer and finished ⅛ below their House close at 57¼. Nickels improved to 44¼, while Brazilian Tractions, at 14¼, were a little higher. Anacondas, at 6⅞, and Radios, at 6⅞, closed firmer. In the Motor group, General Motors appreciated to 33½, and Chrysler to 66. In the Oil section active dealings went on for some time. Royal Dutch advanced to 40¼, and Shells to 4 11/16. Mexican Eagles changed hands around 14s. 11½d.

OIL YIELD

Mexican Eagle Oil Co.—Production for the week ended 11th December, 1937, was 685,000 barrels.

COMPANY NOTICES

COAST LINES, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Registers of Cumulative Preference Shareholders of Coast Lines, Limited, will be Closed from 17th December to 31st December, 1937, both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

WILLIAM FRAME, Secretary.

3 New London street, E.C.3,
16th December, 1937.

LONDON BRIGHTER

INDUSTRIALS PROMINENT

While international uncertainties and the coming holidays precluded any material expansion in trading on the London Stock Markets yesterday, interest in many of the leading counters was distinctly more active, and the atmosphere generally was much brighter under the influence of Sir Thomas Inskip's statement that the rearmament programme will not slow down for four or five years. Conditions in the Industrial departments showed a marked improvement, and among the more popular issues Iron and Steel and Shipping shares were in particularly good form. Oil shares maintained their recent firm tone, and to the accompaniment of fairly brisk bidding Royal Dutch and Shells, which were absorbed on dividend anticipations, went ahead by substantial amounts. Quotations for Kaffirs also moved in the right direction, and the Investment groups gave a better account of themselves.

BRITISH FUNDS.

New issue activity curtailed buying power in the Gilt-edged market, but after a quiet opening the principal issues steadily improved, and at the finish several gains were noticeable. Funding Fours again showed to advantage, and Conversion 3½ per cent. added another ⅛ to 102¼.

FOREIGN BONDS.

The Foreign Bond section displayed no decided tendency; but, while Brazilians became reactionary, Far Easterns returned to favour, and registered advances ranging up to £2 per cent. Europeans were mostly neglected, but Poland Sevens developed strength, owing to satisfaction with the new loan proposals.

RAILS.

British Rails commanded slightly more attention following publication of traffics, which generally were received with satisfaction. Dealings were too limited to affect quotations greatly, however, and finally only L.M.S. Ord. were notably higher. Argentine Rails experienced little business, and other Foreign Rails were mostly idle. Exceptionally, San Paulo Ord. scored a fresh gain, and Antofagasta Ord. put on a point. The American and Colonial Rails were also subdued, but among the latter Canadas proved a firm feature.

INDUSTRIALS.

Industrials gave their best display for some days, the market responding well to the promise of a long period of continued trade activity. Vickers, John Brown and Dorman Long, and B.S.A. were outstanding in a lively Iron and Steel group, and in the Shipping section P. and O. and Court Lines were bright features. Motors went ahead under the lead of Leylands, while Rayons moved up in sympathy with Courtaulds, and Cements were assisted by the decision to raise cement prices. Trans-Atlantics made headway on early Wall street advices, and in other directions Turner and Newall reflected the excellent accounts, and firmness characterised Lever issues and United Molasses.

MINES.

The Mining market passed a rather quiet session, but the Kaffir dividends generally were considered satisfactory, and prices in this group were mainly higher at the close, after being somewhat irregular. Goldfields and Western Reefs established appreciable gains, and in the Diamond group De Beers Defd. went ahead smartly. West Africans had a harder appearance, but Rhodesian Coppers were uncertain, owing to small sales, and several Tin shares again receded.

THE MONEY MARKET

GOLD AGAIN LOWER

The larger amount of £897,000 of gold was sold in official dealings yesterday in the London Bullion Market. The price fell ½d. to 139s. 9½d. per fine ounce, while the premium also declined 1d. to 8d., with the dollar rate at fixing 4.9980.

No change occurred in bar silver prices yesterday. Spot was again 18 11/16d. per ounce and forward 18 9/16d.

The discount rate for three months' maturities was again quoted at ⅝ per cent. and short-dated paper was being negotiated at ⅝ to 11/16 per cent.

Bank Rate Discount (changed June 30, 1932), 2%					
60 days (fine)		¾ %			
3 months	¾	13/16 %	Trade	2	2½ %
4 "	11/16	¾ %	"	2¼	2½ %
6 "	⅝	¾ %	"	2½	3 %
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day	½	⅝ %			
" for a week		½ %			
Deposit Allowance Banks at Call		½ %			
" " Discount Houses at Call		½ %			
" " " at Notice		¾ %			

The speculative attack on the franc was unabated yesterday. Heavy selling pressure on the forward exchange was reported throughout the day, while nervous withdrawals of capital to foreign centres also exposed the spot exchange to increasing pressure. The authorities maintained the same stiff resistance to a fall in the spot franc as on the previous day, but official activity in the forward market was again intermittent, and insufficient to avert further severe movements in rates against Paris.

Most currencies in the European group tended to ease slightly against sterling under the lead of the dollar. The Italian Budget figures largely removed fears of a fresh cut in the value of the lira in the immediate future, and the market was less uneasy. Preparations for shipments of silver to the United States exposed the dollar to a certain amount of selling, the exchange thus losing ground, despite commercial support.

Centre	Dec. 15 Closing Rates		Dec. 14 Closing Rates		Parity before 20/9/31
New York	4.99¾	4.99⅞	4.99 11/16	4.99 13/16	4.86⅔
Montreal	4.99¾	4.99⅞	4.99⅝	4.99⅞	4.86⅔
Amsterdam	8.98¼	8.98¾	8.98⅝	8.98⅞	12.10
Berlin	12.39	12.40	12.39	12.39½	20.43
Brussels	29.39½	29.40½	29.39	29.40	35.00
Copenhagen	22.38	22.42	22.38	22.42	25.22
Geneva	21.60	21.61	21.60	21.61	18.15
Madrid	60.100 nom		60.100 nom		25.22
Milan	94 15/16	95 1/16	94⅞	95	92.46
Oslo	19.88	19.92	19.88	19.92	18.15
Paris	147 9/32	147 5/16	147⅜	147¼	124.21
Stockholm	19.38	19.40	19.38	19.42	18.15
Alexandria	97⅞	97⅝	97⅝	97⅞	97.5
Athens	540	555	540	555	375
Helsingfors	225¾	226½	225¾	226½	193.2
Lisbon	110	110⅛	110	110⅛	110
Prague	142⅛	142⅝	142	142⅝	164.25
Vienna	25½	27½	25½	27½	34.58
Warsaw	26⅛	26⅝	26⅛	26⅝	43.38
B. Ayres	17.00	17.04	16.99	17.02	47.577
Lima 90 dys	18.75	19.75 nom	18.75	19.75 nom	17.38
Mexico*	17.50	18.50	17.50	18.50	9.76
M'video*	25¾	26¾	25¾	26¾	51 1/16
Rio de Jan.	2⅝	2 11/16	2⅝	2 11/16	5.89
Valparaiso	125 nom		125 nom		40s
Calcutta	18 5/32	18 7/32	18 5/32	18 7/32	18
Hongkong	14⅞	15⅛	14⅞	15⅛	—
Kobe (p.yn.)	13 31/32	14 1/32	13 31/32	14 1/32	24
Shanghai*	14	14⅛	14	14⅛	—
Singapore*	28 1/16	28¼	28 1/16	28¼	28

* Rate quoted in London.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS

"Daily Mail" and General Trust

The Daily Mail and General Trust announces that Viscount Rothermere has resigned from the board and that Sir George Sutton, Bart., has been appointed a director. Sir George, who is vice-chairman of Associated Newspapers, Ltd., is to retire from that position at the end of the year. Viscount Rothermere is also a director of Associated Newspapers.

Coast Lines, Ltd.

The registers of Cumulative Preference shareholders of this company will be closed from the 17th to 31st December, 1937, both dates inclusive.

South Durham New Subsidiary

London and Wales Steel Construction Company is now controlled by the South Durham group of steel manufacturers, which consists of the South Durham Steel and Iron Company, with works at West Hartlepool and Stockton, and the Cargo Fleet Iron Company, with works at Middlesbrough and London. These works are fully equipped with steel-producing plant, and have a production capacity of 1,000,000 tons per annum of finished steel.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday Night.

STOCKS AND SHARES:

London brighter.

Dublin subdued.

Manchester irregular.

Birmingham Motors recovered.

New York steady.

MONEY:

Bank of England Rate	2%
Last year	2%
Irish Bank Rate	3%
London Day-to-day Loans	½%
London Three Months' Bills	⅝%
Price of Gold	139/9½
Silver (spot)	18 11/16d.

THE INDUSTRIAL MARKET

IRON AND STEEL SHARES UP AGAIN

Although business remained on a small scale in the Industrial market yesterday the tone was more cheerful in most sections. Several of the leading home equities were in demand, and many satisfactory gains were recorded.

With Wall street in more hopeful mood the Trans-Atlantic counters developed fresh strength. U.S. Steels touched 57⅝ at one time, and finished 1½ to the good at 57¼.

"Emmies" improved 6d. to 16s. 9d., and Decca Records Preference rose 9d. to 8s. 9d. In the Cinema section, the Union issues were more or less a nominal market.

VICKERS FURTHER IMPROVE.

Firmness continued to be displayed by Iron and Steel shares. Vickers were particularly good, a keen demand raising the price 1s. 3d. to 26s. 3d. John Browns also developed strength, the price advancing 1s. 3d. to 30s., while Dorman Longs came into active request and put on 1s. 10½d. at 34s. 4½d.

Electrical Equipment shares had an irregular tendency.

A generally better tone developed among Motors, most of the leaders being in good request. Leylands put on 1/16, Standards were supported to 15s. 6d., Fords hardened to 21s. 6d., and Austins to 31s.

AIRCRAFTS FIRMER.

The Aircraft section presented a firmer appearance. Rolls-Royce closed fractionally higher at 4 19/32, pending the interim dividend, which was announced after-hours. Bristols recovered to 47s. 6d., and Hawker Siddeleys were a few pence to the good at 25s.

Although harder in places, Breweries still had a rather uncertain appearance. Distillers made the best showing, with an improvement of 9d. to 103s., with Ind Coope 6d. harder at 108s. 6d. Guinness repeated 120s. 9d.

The Tobacco leaders came in for moderate support after their recent dulness. "Bats" advanced 1/16, while similar gains were recorded by Gallahers and "Imps."

TEXTILES REMAIN DULL.

Textiles generally remained on the dull side. J. and P. Coats sagged to 40s. 4½d., while Bleachers Pref. receded to 10s. 3d.

In the Rayon group Courtaulds moved up to 45s. 7½d. at one time, eventually closing with a net gain of 4½d. at 45s. 4½d.

Despite the small amount of business passing in the Stores section a firmer tone prevailed. Marks and Spencer came in for attention, and rose 1/16 to 3, while Woolworths hardened 3d. to 68s. 6d.

Among Provision and Catering issues, Scribbans Def. hardened, but Lovell and Christmas encountered selling.

The Shipping group came in for renewed attention, following the hardening tendency of freight rates, and prices generally were higher.

IMPERIAL CHEMICALS GO AHEAD.

The Miscellaneous section presented a much brighter appearance, the more popular issues coming in for a fair amount of buying. Turner and Newall responded to the excellent report, with a rise of 1/16 to 4 1/16; British Oxygens put on ⅛ to 4 3/32, and Imperial Chemicals went ahead to 35s. 10½d.

The new Lever Ordinaries responded to the improved tone, and were 9d. better, while United Molasses came in for good support, and rose 1s. 4½d. to 25s. 9d. in anticipation of to-morrow's meeting. Boots Drug rallied to 45s., and Beechams Prefd. hardened to 34s. 9d.

Cement shares were an active and firm market following the decision to increase selling prices, but profit-taking caused a reaction in late dealings, with the result that no important changes were recorded.

CONTINENTAL SUPPORT FOR OILS

Business in Oil shares yesterday was selective rather than general, and in all but a few specialities the turnover was again small. While local business was only on a moderate scale, international counters benefited by a good demand from the Continent, buying orders being received from Amsterdam for Royal Dutch, which, together with Shells, were also bought on Paris account. The demand was attributed to hopes that the companies may decide to increase the interim dividends, which are due to be announced early next month. There was again a fair business transacted in Mexican Eagles, which, however, failed to hold at the best, but there was little of interest in other directions, apart from dulness in Anglo-Ecuadorians, which was attributed to the cautious note uttered by the chairman at the meeting on Tuesday.

RUBBERS STAGNANT

Rubber shares formed one of the few groups which failed to participate in the improvement staged by markets yesterday. Dealers reported a modest inquiry for one or two of the leading issues which have declined of late, but nervous liquidation again proved the dominating influence, and quotations remained on the dull side. Actual trading was still extremely limited, however, and all but a handful of shares succeeded in maintaining their previous closing rates. Business in the commodity market was slow, with spot rubber selling at 7 1/16d. per lb.

FIXED AND FLEXIBLE TRUSTS

The latest prices (supplied by the Trusts) for the sub-units of the following Trusts are as under:

Aviation and Univ. In. Trust	8/5-9/-
Bank Ins. and Financial	16/6-17/6
British Empire Cumulative	16/-17/-
British Empire Cumulative	
British Empire Fixed Trust (A)	19/10½-20/10½
British Empire Fixed Trust (B)	9/9-10/3
British General (A)	19/6 x.d. bid
British General (B)	17/9 bid
British General (C)	16/9-17/9
British Ind. Fixed Trust Certs.	18/3-19/3
Brit. Ind. Fxd. Tr. Cts., 2nd Series	16/-17/- x.d.
Brit. Ind. Fxd. Tr. Cts., 3rd Series	16/9-17/9—3d.
Brit. Ind. Fxd. Tr. Cts., 4th Series	18/-19/-
Commercial Fixed Trust	19/9 bid
Domestic Investment Trust	8/-8/6
Electrical Industries Trust	16/9-17/9
First British Fixed Trust	42/3 x.d. bid
Second British Fixed Trust	27/3 bid
Third British Fixed Trust	22/9 bid
Fourth British Fixed Trust	19/3 bid
Foreign Government Bond Trust	17/-18/-—3d.
First Prov. Fxd. Trust	20/6-21/6
First Prov. Fxd. Trust (Series B)	16/-17/- x.d.
First Prov. Reserve Units	16/3-17/3
First Recovery Trust	8/6 x.d. bid
Gilt-edged Fixed Trust Certs.	18/6-19/-
Gold Prod. Fxd. Tr. Dpst. Rcts.	24/1½ bid +6d.
Gold Prod. Fxd. 2nd Series	17/7½-18/7½+3d.
Gold Prod. Fxd., 3rd Series	13/3-14/3+3d.
Hundred Secur. Tr. Sub-Units	18/10½-19/10½
Investors Flexible	14/6-15/6
Inves. Gas and Electric Trust	12/9-13/9
Invest. General Fxd. Tr. Cts.	17/6-18/6—3d.
Investors Gold Share Trust	14/4½-15/4½+1½d.
Investors 2nd and General Trust	14/6-15/6—6d.
Keystone Certificates	17/-18/-+1½d.
Keystone Flexible Certs.	16/3-17/3
Limited Investment Fund	19/9-20/9 +3d.
Midland and Sthn. Inv. Fund	18/6-19/6
National Fixed Trust (A)	30/9 bid
National Fixed Trust (B)	20/9 bid
National Fixed Trust (C)	18/9-19/9
National Fixed Trust (D)	17/3-18/3 x.d.
National Invest. Group Certs.	14/-15/-
Protected First Fixed Trust	21/-22/-
Protected Second Fixed Trust	18/6-19/6 x.d.
Protected Third Fixed Trust	13/6-14/6
Provident Investors Trust	15/-16/-
Rand Certificates	19/3 bid +3d.
Second Keystone Certificates	18/3-19/3
Security First Trust	16/6-17/6
Selec. Fxd. Tr. (A)	16/6-17/6
Selec. Fixed Trust (B)	16/6-17/6
Trust of Bank Shares	17/6-18/6
Trust of Bank and In. Shares	18/9-19/9—3d.
Trust of British Transport	14/3-15/3
Trust of Insurance Shares	21/-22/-—3d.
Univ. Fixed Trust Certs.	19/1½-20/1½
Unit. Secs. of S.A., Unit 16	149/7-162/1
ditto Unit 17	163/10-174/4
ditto Unit 19	536/4-574/4
ditto Unit 21	256/6-271/6
Brewery Trust	15/3-16/3 x.d.
Invest. Trust	15/-16/-
Scottish Bank	16/-17/-—3d.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES

* Ex div. † Ex rights ‡ Cum. div. ‖ Ex bonus

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

—	Closing		Rise or fall
Consols 2½%	74¼	74½	
Do 4%	110 7/16	110 11/16	+1/16
3½% War Loan	101 9/16	101 11/16	+1/16
Funding Loan	112 3/16	112 7/16	+1/16
Victory Bonds	110⅞	111⅛	+⅛
3% Conversion Loan	101⅝	101⅞	+1/16
3½% Conversion Loan	102	102¼	+1/16
4% Conversion Loan	105⅝	105⅞	+⅛
5% Conversion Loan	114 3/16	114 7/16	
2½% Land Stock, 1905	76½	78½*	
Irish Free State 4½% Ld. Bd	107	109*	
India 3%	79	80	
Do. 3½%	93	94*	
Local Loans	86⅞	87⅛	
Sudan 5½%	110	113*	

PUBLIC BOARDS.

Cent. El. Bd. 4% 1959 89	103	105	
Do. 5% 1950-70	112	114	
Do. 4½% 1961 73	108	110*	
Do. 5% 1956-75	115	117	
Do. 4½% 1957 89	110	112	
Metro Water 3 p.c. (a)	88	89	

DOMINION AND COLONIAL STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5 p.c., 1945 75	107	107½	+⅛
Do do. 4 p.c. 1955-70	104	106	
Do. do 3½ p.c., 1948 53	100	102*	
Canada 4 p.c., 1940-60	103	105	
N.S.W. 5 p.c., 1945-65	106⅞	107⅜	+⅛
Do. 4 p.c., 1942 62	99	101	
New Zealand 3 p.c., 1952-55	98	99½	
Do 3½ p.c. 1955-60	97	99	
Nigeria 6 p.c.	122	125	
Queensland 5 p.c., 1940-60	105⅞	106⅜	
South African 3 p.c., 1954 64	94½	95½	
Do 3½ p.c., 1955 65	102½	104½	
South Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	106¾	107¼	+¼
Do. 4 p.c., 1940-60	100	102	
Victoria 4 p.c. 1940-60	100	102	
Do. 5 p.c., 1945 75	106¾	107¼	+⅛
W. Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	108⅝	109⅛	+⅜
Do 4 p.c., 1942 62	99	101	

FOREIGN STOCKS.

M.U.—Dec. 13				
—	Argentine 4 p.c. Rescn.	101¾	102¼	
—	Austrian 3 p.c. Guar Sterling Bonds	100	102*	
101	Belgian 3 p.c.	100½	101½	
98	Do. 4 p.c. Bonds	95½	96½	−½
23½	Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds. '27	22	23	−½
58½	Do 5 p.c. Funding '98	58	60	−1
42	Do 5 p.c. do., 1914	41	43	
86½	Chinese 4½ p.c., 1898	87	89	−1
89½	Do 5 p.c., 1912	80	82	+2
86	Do 5 p.c. Reorg. 1913	67	69	+1
70	Chinese Imp. Ry. 5% Gld.	65	75	
40	Do. Shanghai-Nanking 5 p.c.	40	45	
25	Do. Tientsin-Pukow 5%	25	35	
103¾	Czecho Slovakia Bonds	102½	104½	+½
101¼	Egyptian Unified	101¼	102¼	
12½	French Loan 4 p.c.	12½	13	
57½	German 7 p.c.	56	57	−½
39¼	Do. 5½ p.c.	38¼	39¼	−¼
—	Do. Potash 7 p.c.	83½	84½	
41	Greek 7 p.c., 1924	41	42	
33	Do. 6 p.c. Stabs.	32	35	
29½	Do. 5 p.c., 1914	28	31	
14	Italian Rentes	11	16	
66	Japan 6 p.c., 1924	65	67	+1½
64	Do. 5½ p.c. Conversion	62	64	
3¾	Mexican 5 p.c. '99	3¾	4¼	
4¼	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	4	4½	
44	Peru 7½ p.c. Guano	40	50	
1¼	Peruvian Corporation	1	1½	
5¼	Do. Pref.	4¾	5¼	−¼
54	Do. Debs.	53	55	
71	Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	70	75	+2
81	Portuguese 3 p.c.	80½	81½	
1 9/16	Turkish 7½ p.c., 1933	1½	2	

BRITISH RAILS.

62¼	Great Western	62	63	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	116½	118½	
29	Ldn. Mid. & Scot. Ord.	29	29½	+¼
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	81	83	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	103	105*	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	69	71	
8	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref.-Ord.	7⅝	8⅛	−⅛
4¼	Do. Def.-Ord.	4¼	4¾	−⅛
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	66	68	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	24½	26½	
—	Lnd. Trans. 5 p.c. "A"	126	129*	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. "A"	116	118*	
—	Do. "B"	119	122*	
—	Do. "C"	79¼	80¼	
86¾	Southern Pref. Ord.	86	87	
19	Do. Def.-Ord.	18¾	19¼	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	114	116	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

13½	Antofagasta Ord.	13	15	+1
18½	Bahia Blanca Guar. Stk.	75	77	+1
—	Buenos Ayres Gt Sthn.	18	20	
7½	Buenos Ayres & Pacific Ord.	6	8	
14½	Buenos Ayres and W.	13½	15½	
—	Canadian National Guar.	86	89*	
—	Canadian Pacific	8⅛	8⅜	+3/16
14½	Central Argentine Ord.	14	16	
6½	Do. Def.	6	8	
—	Central Uruguay Ord.	2	4	
2½	Cordoba Central New	2	3	
47½	Do. 1st Deb.	46	48	
11	Do 2nd Deb.	10	12	
7½	Entre Rios Ord.	6	9	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Cum. Pref.	16	18	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar	98	101*	
—	Do 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	98	101*	
3½	Leopoldina	3	4	
7/6	Mexican Rails	¼	¾	
25/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	1	2	
7/6	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	¼	¾	
35	San Paulo Ord.	61	65	+1
—	United Havana Stock	1	3	

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	38	41	
19¼	New York Central	18	21	
—	Pennsylvania	20	23	
14	Southern Common	12	15	
—	Southern Pacific	20	23	
85	Union Pacific	83	88	

BANKS.

Bank of Australasia	8 5/16	8 9/16	−1/16
Bank of England	340	344	
Bank of Montreal	39¼	40¼	
Bank of New South Wales	26	27	
Bank of New Zealand	32/6	34/6	−0/9
Barclay's "A" Shares	10 9/16	10¾	−1/32
British Overseas	2¾	3¼	
Canadian of Commerce	32½	33½	−¼
Chartered of India	11⅞	12¼	
Hong Kong and Shanghai	88½	89½	
Lloyds	87	90	+1½
London and S. American	5 7/16	5 11/16	
Martins £20 (£2/10 paid)	8 15/16	9⅛	
Midland	9⅞	10⅛	
National Discount "B"	13 1/16	13 5/16	
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	14⅛	14 7/16	+1/16
Royal Bank of Canada	35½	37½	
Standard of South Africa	14 7/16	14 11/16	−1/16
Union of Australia	7	7¼	
Westminster Bank	65/6	67/0	

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

M.U.—Dec. 13				
129/0	Bass, Ratcliff Ord.	126/6	128/6	−0/6
20/0	Brewers of Vancouver	18/6	19/6	−0/6
11/6	City of London Def. (5/-)	11/0	12/0	
—	Courage Ord.	81/0	83/0	
102/3	Distillers Ord.	102/6	103/6	+0/9
121/6	Guinness Ord.	119/0	121/9	
106/6	Ind Coope and Allsopp	107/6	109/6	+0/6
—	Mitchell and Butlers	90/3	92/3	−0/3
100/0	South African Breweries	98/6	100/6	
—	Walker (John) Pref.	32/9	33/9	
25/6	Walker (P.) & R. Cain Or.	25/0	26/0	
77/9	Watney Combe Def.	75/9	77/9	

DRAPERY AND STORES.

71/3	Barker (John)	70/9	71/9	
—	Burton (M.) Ord.	13/6	14/6	
3/6	Cook Son and Co.	3/0	4/0	
—	Gamage (A. W.)	21/0	21/9	−0/1½
76/0	Harrod's Stores	74/6	75/6	
8/0	Harrod's (B.A.)	7/6	8/3	
25/3	Maple and Co.	24/6	25/6	
2 21/32	Marks & Spencer (5/-)	2 31/32	3 1/32	+3/32
1⅞	O.K. Bazaars "A"	27/6	30/0	
—	Selfridges Pref.	30/0	31/0	
68/3	Woolworth Ord.	68/0	69/0	+0/3
30/0	Do. Pref.	29/6	30/6	

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth and Poole	67/3	68/3	
—	City of London	33/6	34/6	
—	County of London	48/9	49/9	+0/3
—	Edmundson's	37/6	38/6	+0/3
—	Electric Supply Corp.	52/0	53/0	
—	Lancashire	32/6	33/6	
—	London Electric	35/3	36/3	
—	Metropolitan	45/3	46/3	
—	North Eastern	31/6	32/6	
—	St. James's	97	101*	
—	South London	31/0	33/0	
—	Whitehall Inv. Pref.	20/0	22/0	
—	Yorkshire Ord.	39/0	40/0	

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

44/3	Associated Electric Ind.	43/9	44/6	+0/6
93/9	British Insul. Cables	90/0	91/6	−1/0
87/6	Callenders Cable	87/9	88/9	−0/9
—	Crompton Parkinson	44/0	45/0*	
—	Enfield Cable Ord.	5 3/32	5 7/32	−1/32
29/3	English Electric	29/0	29/9	
29/3	Ever Ready (5/-)	25/3	26/3	
76/0	General Electric	76/0	76/9	
18/3	Henley's Tel (5/- sh.)	18/6	19/6	
69/9	Johnson and Phillips	39/9	41/9	
—	Philips Lamps	2 7/16	2 9/16	
—	Siemens	29/6	30/6	
29/0	Telegraph Constr.	2 3/16	2 5/16	

INSURANCE.

—	Alliance £20 (£2 4/- p.)	27⅝	28¼	
—	Atlas £5 (£1 5/- paid)	14¼	15¼	
—	Com. Union £1 Units	9⅞	10⅛	
—	Eagle Star Ord. £3	3¾	4*	
—	Employers' £1 (5/- paid)	66/0	68/0	
—	Gen. Accdt. £1 (5/- pd.)	5¼	5½	
—	Guardian £3 (10/- pd.)	13⅞	14⅜	
—	L. & Lan. Fire £5 (£2 p.)	29¾	30¼	
—	Lon. Ass. £2½ (£1½ pd.)	15¼	15¾	
—	N.B. & Mer. £5 (£1¼ p.)	11⅛	11½	−⅛
—	Northern £10 (£1 paid)	19⅛	19⅞	
—	Pearl £1	19½	20	
—	Phoenix £10 (£1 paid)	15⅝	16⅛	+⅛
—	Do £1 (f.p.)	15⅞	16	
—	Prudential	33½	34	
—	Do "B" £1 (4/- pd.)	100/0	102/6	
—	Royal Exchange	9⅞	10⅛	
—	Royal Ins. £1 (10/- pd.)	8⅛	8⅝	
—	Sun Ins. £1 (5/- paid)	4	4¼	
—	Sun Life £1 (f.p.)	7¾	8¼	
—	Yorkshire 50/- (10/- pd.)	8⅜	8⅞	

IRON, COAL AND STEEL.

—	Allied Iron	22/6	23/6*	+0/3
2/0	Amal. Anthracite	1/9	2/3	
24/9	Amal Metal Ord	24/0	25/0	
43/0	Babcock Wilcox Ord.	43/0	44/0	+1/0
8/4½	Baldwins	8/6	9/0	+0/6
—	Bolsover Colliery	43/0	44/0	
29/6	Brown (John) (5/-)	29/6	30/6*	+1/3
8/6	Cammell Laird (5/-)	9/9	10/9	+0/6
—	Colville Ord. (£1)	23/6	24/6	
—	Consett Iron	11/0	11/9	+0/6
33/3	Cory (William)	33/6	34/6	+0/6
32/9	Dorman Long and Co.	34/0	34/9	+1/10½
1/0	Duffield Iron (1/-)	1/0	1/6	
—	Firth (T.) and Brown	2 15/16	3 1/16	−1/16
29/9	Guest Keen	29/9	30/6	+0/6
30/6	Hadfields (10/-)	30/3	31/3	+0/6
—	Hill Richard	¼	¾	
—	Manchester Collieries	17/0	18/0	
11/0	Pease and Partners	11/0	11/9	+0/1½
21/9	Powell Duffryn	21/9	22/9	+0/6
16/9	Pressed Steel	16/3	17/3	+0/3
43/9	South Durham Steel	40/0	41/0*	
36/4½	Stewarts & Lloyds Def.	35/9	36/9	+0/1
9/10½	Thomas (R.)	9/9	10/6*	+0/3
27/3	United Steel Cos.	26/9	27/9	+0/3
28/0	Vickers Ord.	25/9	26/9	+1/3

OILS.

M.U.—Dec. 13				
38/1½	Anglo Ecuadorian	34/0	35/0*	−1/6
1 15/16	Anglo Egyptian "B"	1 21/32	1 23/32	
3 29/32	Anglo Iranian Ord.	3⅞	3 15/16	
38/4½	Do 8 p.c. 1st Pref.	38/9	39/9	
39/4½	Do 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	38/9	39/9	
32/4½	Apex Trinidad (5/- sh.)	1 21/32	1 25/32	
1 11/16	Attock	1 23/32	1 25/32	
13/7½	British Borneo Pet. (5/-)	13/3	13/9	
6/0	British Burmah (8/-)	5/6	6/6	
2/9	British Controlled	2/6	3/0	
5/3	Do Pref.	5/0	5/6	
5 23/32	Burmah	5¾	5 13/16	
39/3	Do 8 p.c. Pref	38/9	39/9	
12/3	Canadian Eagle Ord.	12/3	12/9	
12/7½	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pf. ($3)	13/0	14/0	
13/3	Do 8 p.c. Pref.	13/3	14/3	
5/9	Kern River (10/-)	5/9	6/3	+0/4½
1 23/32	Lobitos	1⅞	1 15/16	
13/3	Mexican Eagle Ord.	13/10½	14/4½	+0/4½
13/0	Do 8 p.c. Pref	13/6	14/6	+0/3
8/6	Do 7 p.c. 1st Pref. (4 pesos)	8/0	9/0*	
0/3	North Caucasian (10/-)	0/3	0/9	
4/6	Phoenix Oil	5/3	5/9	+0/6
2/4½	Do (1/- shares)	1/10½	2/4½	
37¾	Royal Dutch	40¼	40¾	+1¾
4 11/16	Shell Transport	4 23/32	4 31/32	+5/32
26/0	Do 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	25/6	26/6	
33/9	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	33/6	34/0	
7/0	Steaua Romano	6/6	7/6*	
6/10½	Tankers Pref	6/9	7/3	
10/6	Trinidad Central	10/0	11/0	
4 31/32	Trinidad Leasehold	4 15/16	5 1/16	
1 29/32	V.O.C. Holdings	1⅞	1 15/16	+1/32
1⅞	Do 7 p.c. Pref.	1 13/16	1 15/16	

RUBBERS.

29/6	Anglo Dutch	29/1½	+0/1½
11/10½	Anglo Malay	11/10½	
2/9	Bukit Mertajam	2/9	
1/1½	Bukit Sembawang	1/0	
15/0	Grand Central	14/6	
28/9	Highlands	28/9	
12/6	Jugra Land	12/0	
32/6	Kuala Lumpur	32/6*	
19/4½	Linggi	19/0	
4/0	London Asiatic	4/0	
26/3	Malacca	25/0	−0/7½
31/10½	Malayalam	31/6	+0/3
3/4½	Merlimau Pegoh	3/3	
17/6	Orient Trust	16/10½	
29/3	Rubber Trust	28/9	+0/3
21/3	Tandjong	20/7½	
21/3	Tandjong Malim	20/7½	
53/9	United Sua Betong	53/9	
8/6	Vallambrosa	8/3	−0/3

Allagar	1/3		Kamuning	3/3	
Allied Sum.	13/0		Kepong (2/-)	3/4½	
Anglo Java (1/-)	0/10½		Kepitigalla	1/4½	
Batu Tiga	30/0		Kinta Kellas	2/3*	
Bernam Per'k	2/4½		Kombok	1/1½	
Bikam (2/-)	2/4½		Kuala Sel.	2/10½	
Brit.I.G.Trst.	77½		Ledbury	20/7½	
Brit. E. Java	1/1½		Manch'r N.B.	12/6*	
BroomeSel(2/-)	2/10½		N. Hummock	10/0	
Buntar	1/7½		P.P.K. (C'y'n)	11/3	
Castlefield	2/10½		Pataling	35/0	
Central Perak	2/4½	+0/1½	Perak (2/-)	2/3	
Chersonese	2/4½		Rambutan	1/10½	
Cheviot	3/9		Rim Malacca	2/0	
Cicely	3/1½	−0/1½	Sedenak	24/0	
Djasinga	16/10½*		Soember Ajoe	1/4½	
East Sumatra	2/4½		Sungei Choh £1	12/6	
F.M.S. Plant	28/9	−0/7½	Sungei Siput	3/3	−0/3
Gen. Ceylon	18/1½	+0/7½	Taiping	1/4½	
Glenbervie	1/1½		Telegoredjo	19/9	
Golden Hope	21/6		U. Serd'ng (2/-)	3/6	
Gordon	1/6		U.Sum'tra (1/-)	0/10½	
Java Amal.	17/3		Yam Seng	2/10½	

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	8½		Jokai	1¾*	
Anglo-Ceylon	1⅜		Jorehaut	1⅞*	
Assam Con.	29/32	+1/32	Kanan Devan	2¼*	
Borelli	2⅜*		Lebong	1 11/16	
Brit. Indian	2*		Makum	29/32	
Ceylon Plant	2 3/16		Nedeem	1 7/16	
Chargola	15/32		New Dimbula	2¾	
Co. Tea & L.	18½*		Nuwara Eliya	3 1/16	
Darjeeling Co.	1 3/16		Peacock & Nil.	1/6	
Dimbula Valley	1 3/16		Pabbojan	2⅞*	
Dooars	2*		Pundaloya	2	
Doom Dooma	2¼		Scottish Assam	15/16	
E. Assam	2⅛*		Singlo	1 13/32	−1/32
East Produce	2 5/16*		Sumatra	18/6*	
Empire	1½*		Travancore	1 15/16	
Imperial	1 7/32		Upper Assam	1⅝	

LAND AND INVESTMENT.

11/3	Argentine Land Invest.	10/9	11/9	
25/0	Do. Southern Land	22/6	24/6	−1/0
—	Covent Garden Ord.	22/0	23/0	−0/6
22/6	Forestal Land	23/0	24/0	
24/6	Hudson's Bay Ord.	24/6	25/6	+0/3
3/6	Pekin Syndicate	2/6	4/6	
32/6	Sudan Plantations	32/9	33/9	+0/9

MOTORS AND AEROPLANES.

—	Aero Engines	0/3	1/3	
31/3	Austin Motor (5/-)	30/6	31/6	+0/3
3/9	Boulton and Paul	3/6	4/6	
47/6	Bristol Aero (10/-)	47/0	48/0*	+0/6
1/1½	British Aircraft	0/9	1/3	
1 13/16	De Havilland	35/0	37/6	
19/3	Fairey Aviation	17/6	18/6*	
21/6	Ford Motors	21/0	22/0	
50/0	Handley Page Pref.	24/6	25/6	+0/3
—	Hawker (5/-)	24/6	25/6	
25/3	Hawker-Siddeley (5/-)	24/9	25/3	+0/3
—	Imperial Airways	24/3	25/3	
4	Leyland Motors	4	4⅛	+3/32
31/3	Morris Motors	30/9	31/9	
—	Do. 7½ p.c. Pref.	30/3	31/3	
9/3	Napier Ord. (5/-)	9/0	9/6	
4 9/16	Rolls Royce	4 17/32	4 21/32	+1/32
4/9	Singer Ord.	4/3	5/0	
15/0	Standard	15/0	16/0	+0/6
3	Tilling (Thomas)	33/3	36/3	−0/3

NEWSPAPERS.

24/6	Allied Newspapers Ord.	23/6	24/6	
—	Amal. Press (New)	16/0	17/0	
18/6	Assd. Newspaper Def.	17/9	18/9	
34/6	Daily Mail Trust	33/6	34/6	−0/6
18/4½	Daily Mirror Ord.	17/6	18/6*	
—	Financial Newspapers	3/9	4/3	
7/9	Odhams Press (4/-)	7/9	8/3	
1 21/32	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	32/9	33/6*	

NITRATES.

2/9	Lautaro Nitrate 7 p.c. Prst. (£5)	2/3	3/3	
—	Nitrate Sales 5 p.c. Deb.	70	75	−½

REFRESHMENT AND FOODS.

20/6	Aerated Bread	19/6	20/6*	
12/0	Bovril Def.	21/6	22/6	
0/9	Crosse and Blackwell	0/6	1/0	
3/4½	Home & Colonial (4/-)	3/3	3/9	−1/32
11/0	Inter. Tea Ord. (5/-)	11/0	12/0*	+0/1½
18/6	Lovell & Christmas Ord.	17/0	18/0	−0/7½
5/3	Lyons (J.)	5 9/16	5 11/16	
2/3	Maypole Def.	2/1½	2/4½	
—	Scribbans	7/3	8/3	
—	Do. Def.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
38/6	Schweppes Ord.	38/0	39/0	+0/3
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	13/3	14/3	−0/3
37/9	Unilever (D.V.)	38/0	38/9	+0/9

SHIPPING.

—	Cairn Line	5/3	6/3	+0/3
—	Clan Line	6	6½	+¼
—	Cunard Ord.	4/3	5/3	+0/3
—	Elder-Dempster Realisn.	9/6	10/6	+0/6
—	Furness Withy	22/0	23/0	+0/9
—	Houlder Pref. (£5)	5⅛	5⅜*	
—	P. and O. Def. (£1)	20/6	21/6	+0/6
—	Royal Mail Realisation	8/6	9/6	+0/9

TEXTILES AND ART. SILK.

5/0	Bleachers	4/6	5/0	−0/1½
5/6	Bradford Dyers	5/0	5/9	
8/9	Do Pref.	8/0	8/9	
4/1½	British Celanese Ord.	3/9	4/6	−0/4½
7/4½	Do 2nd Pref.	7/1½	7/7½	
3/0	British Enka Silk	3/16		
7/4½	Calico Printers	6/9	7/6	
3 5/16	Canadian Celanese	3¼	3½	
41/6	Coats	40/0	40/9	−0/4½
45/6	Courtaulds	45/3	45/6	+0/4½
37/9	English Sewing Cotton	37/6	38/9	
6/3	Fine Spinners	5/9	6/3	
4/9	Jute Industries Pref.	4/4½	4/10½	+0/1½
—	Linen Thread Ord.	33/0	34/3	
7/6	Lister Ord.	7/6	8/0	
49/0	Patons and Baldwins	48/3	49/3	
2⅞	Snia Viscosa	2¾	3¼	
—	Whitworth Mitchell	14/9	15/9	

TOBACCOS.

5 5/16	British-American Tobacco	5 5/32	5 7/32	+1/16
7 5/16	Carreras "A"	7 7/16	7 11/16	
19/6	Do. "B" (2/6)	19/9	19/3*	
—	Cope Bros.	2¼	2⅞	
—	Gallaher	6 1/16	6⅛	
39/4½	Godfrey Phillips	38/6	39/6	−1/16
7¼	Imperial Tobacco	7 7/32	7 9/32	+1/16
52/3	Do Canada	52/0	53/0*	
—	Tobacco Trust Ord.	3⅛	3¼	
—	Do. Def.	1 9/16	1 11/16	−1/16
8¾	United Tobacco (Sth.)	8 5/16	8 7/16*	

TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES.

27½	Anglo American Def.	27	30	
1/1½	Baird Tel. Pref.	0/10½	1/1½	
2/3	Baird Tel. Def.	1/9	2/3	
102½	Cable & Wireless 5½ p.c. Pref.	102¼	103¼	
67½	Do. New Ord	66	67½	
102½	Do. 4 p.c. Funded	99¼	101¼*	
1 7/16	Marconi Marine	28/0	29/0	−0/3
5/0	Do. Canada	4/6	5/6	
—	Oriental Telephone	2¾	3	
6¾	Radio Corporation	6¾	7	+¼

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

4 5/16	Associated Cement	87/0	88/0	
14/3	Assd. British Pictures	14/6	15/6	+0/3
—	Beecham's Pills	34/3	35/3	+0/3
58/9	Do. Def. (5/-)	58/0	59/0*	
43/3	Boot's Pure Drug	44/6	45/6*	+0/3
27/6	Borax Cons. Def.	26/9	27/9	
12½	Brazilian Traction	14	14¼	+¼
46/0	British Aluminium	45/3	46/3	
35/6	British Match	34/6	35/3	
46/3	British Oil and Cake	45/9	46/9	−0/4½
83/1½	British Oxygen Ord.	4 3/32	4 7/32	+⅛
28/0	British Plaster Board	27/6	28/6	+0/3
4⅞	British Portland Cement	4⅛	4½	
—	British Light and Power	25/6	26/6	
18/9	Cerebos Ord	8 13/16	8 15/16	−1/16
16/3	Crittall's Manufacturing	13/3	14/3†	
32/3	Dunlop Rubber	32/0	33/0	+0/6
36/3	Eastwoods Ord	38/3	39/3	
16/1½	Electrical and Musical	16/3	17/3	+0/6
24/3	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	1 5/32	1 7/32	
—	Finlay (James)	51/6	53/6*	
5/7½	Gaumont British	3/4½	3/10½	
1/10½	Do. "A" Ord	1/7½	2/1½	
12/9	Do. 5½ p.c. Pref.	12/0	13/0	−0/3
—	Harland Wolff Ord.	6/3	7/3	
35/1½	Imp. Chem. Indus. Ord.	35/6	36/3	+0/9
33/6	Do. Pref.	33/0	34/0	
—	Imp. Smelting Ord.	13/3	14/3	+0/3
—	Internl. Combustion	4 15/16	5 1/16	
43	International Nickels	44¼	44 13/16	+1⅛
—	Do. Paint	3 7/16	3 9/16	
34/0	Lever Bros. Ord.	33/3	34/3	+0/9
31/3	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	30/10½	31/4½	
33/3	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	32/10½	33/4½	
—	Lever N.V. Ord.	36/0	37/0	
57/0	London Brick and F.	56/0	57/0	+0/6
4½	Murex	4½	4¾	+1/16
27/6	National Canning	15/16	1 1/16	
—	Newman & Watson (2/-)	1/3	1/6	
—	North American Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Pye Radio Def.	9/9	10/9	−1/0
—	Reckitt Ord.	8	8¼*	
—	Ste. Madeleine Sugar	17/0	18/0	
58/3	Spillers Ord.	57/6	58/6	
46/3	Do. Def.	46/0	47/0	−0/3
20/9	Swedish Match "B"	21/6	22/6	+0/10½
29/3	Tate and Lyle	[illegible]	[illegible]	
2 5/32	Triplex Glass	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1/9
—	Tube Investments	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0/6
4¼	Turner and Newall	4⅛	4¼	+0/3
25/0	United Molasses	26/3	26/9*	+1/4½
37/0	Wall Paper Def.	36/3	37/6	
2	White Tomkins Ord.	2 1/16	2 3/16	
38/3	Wiggins Teape Ord.	37/3	38/3	

LONDON MINING MARKET

BROADER DEMAND FOR KAFFIRS

It was probably no exaggeration to say that yesterday's record of the Mining market was as cheerful as has been seen for some time past—Kaffirs, in particular, came into the limelight in the later dealings. A better turnover was reported, and there was a noticeable improvement in sentiment, which, to a considerable extent, could be attributed to the dividend declarations.

Sustained support was forthcoming on Paris and local account for the producers, and the Cape was also in a more bullish mood, the South African centre paying a fair amount of attention to the normally more active developing mines. An additional factor was the sizeable increase in the volume of option dealings in this market. At the finish the whole market had a decidedly firm appearance.

Diamond shares gave a notably better account of themselves than formerly, De Beers being prominent, and West Africans also showed to advantage, with some improvement in business being reported. A rather harder tendency was noticeable in the Rhodesian Coppers, with Roan Antelopes prominent and R.S.T. and Rhodesian Anglos better. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U.—Dec. 13		
1⅞	Afric & Eur	1 27/32-1 29/32
2 27/32	Ang.A. Corp	2 31/32-3 1/32 +3/32
1 5/16	Anglo-French	1 7/32-1 11/32 −1/32
2⅝	Brakpan	2 23/32-2 25/32 +1/32
21⅞	Cent. Mining	22¾-23¼ +½
1 7/16	City Deep	1 7/16-1½ +1/32
3⅝	Con. Goldfi'ds	3 21/32-3 23/32 +1/16
3 7/16	Cons. M. Reef	3 7/16-3 9/16 +1/32
1⅝	Con. M. Sel.	1 19/32-1 23/32
14¾	Crown Mines	15 7/16-15 9/16 +½
7	Daggafont'n 5/-	1 21/32-2 1/32
2 27/32	Durban Deep	2 27/32-2 29/32
1 3/16	E. Daggafont'n	1 5/32-1 9/32 +1/32
9¾	East Geduld	9 15/16-10 1/16 +⅛
2 25/32	E. Rand Prop.	2 25/32-2 27/32 −1/32
8/7½	F. Rand Cns.	8/9-9/3 +0/6
9⅛	Geduld	9 5/16-9 7/16 +⅛
1⅛	Golden Deep	1 7/32-1 9/32 +1/16
4 11/16	Gen. Mining	4 11/16-4 13/16 +1/16
1⅜	Gov. Areas	1 13/32-1 15/32
4 5/16	Grootvlei	4 1/16-4 3/16 −3/16
3⅛	Johan Invsts	3 5/32-3 7/32 +1/16
2 21/32	Kleinfontein	2⅝-2¾ −1/32
1 15/16	Knight's	1 29/32-2 1/32 −1/32
1 3/16	Lace Prop.	1 5/32-1 9/32 +1/16
16/3	Langlaagte E.	16/0-17/0 +0/3
17/3	Libanon 10/-	19/0-19/9 +1/4½
21/3	Luipards Vlei	20/9-21/3*
1 17/32	Modderfont'n	1¼-1 5/16
14/3	Modder B.	14/0-14/6
3¾	Modder East	3 11/16-3 13/16
4/9	New Cent. Wit.	4/3-4/9
2⅞	New S. Areas	2⅞-3
2⅞	Nigel	2 27/32-2 29/32
2	Nourse	1 31/32-2 1/32
13/0	Palmietkuil	12/9-13/3 +0/1½
7 11/16	Rand Mines	7¾-7⅞ −1/16
1 11/16	Rand Select	1 11/16-1 13/16 +1/32
2 11/32	Randfontein	2 7/16-2½ +1/32
2 15/16	Robin Deep B.	3 1/32-3 3/32 +1/32
1 13/16	Rose Deep	1 27/32-1 29/32
14/4½	Simmer & J.	14/3-14/9
4	S. A. Lands	4-4⅛ +1/16
11/0	S. A. Towns	10/9-11/9
1 7/16	Sth.-W. Afr.	1⅜-1½
8/6	Spaarwater	8/6-9/0 +0/3
1⅝	Springs	1⅝-1 11/16
9½	Sub Nigel	9 13/16-9 15/16 +1/16
6⅝	Trans. Del. B.	6½-6¾*
1 13/16	Trans. Col. L.	1⅞-2 +1/16
⅝	Trans. Gold	19/32-21/32
7 9/16	Union Corp.	7 9/16-7 13/16 −1/16
1¼	VanD.Con.(10/0)	1 7/32-1 9/32
23/32	Van Ryn	11/16-13/16
1½	Do. Deep	1½-1 9/16
1 13/16	Venterspost	1 13/16-1⅞ +1/32
1⅞	Vereeniging	1¾-1⅞
1 13/32	Vlakfontein 10/	1 11/32-1 15/32
1	Vogelstruisbilt	1 1/32-1 3/32 +1/32
1	Welgedacht	1¼-1⅜ +⅛
1 21/32	West R. Con.	1 21/32-1 23/32 −1/32
1 17/32	Western Rfs.	1⅝-1 11/16 +3/32
2⅛	West Springs	2 25/32-2 27/32 +1/32
7	West Wit Ar	7½-7⅝ +⅜
1 5/16	Wit Deep	29/32-31/32

RHOD. AND EAST AF.

M.U.—Dec. 13		
7/6	Bechuana Ex	7/3-7/9
3	Cam & Motor	2¾-2⅞*
29/6	Char. B.S.A.	29/9-30/3 +0/6
1/0	E.Af.Gold(5/0)	0/9-1/3 +0/3
26/6	Globe-Phnx	26/0-27/0
10/3	Go'dF.Rhod	10/0-10/6
2/6	Loangwa	2/3-2/9
5/4½	Lon. Rhod	4/10½-5/4½
2/0	Lonely Reef	1/9-2/6
5/-	PhnxPnce(N.)	4/9-5/3
15/6	Rezende	14/6-15/6*
20/6	Rhod.A.Am.	20/4½-20/10½ +0/1½
3/10½	Rhod.Bkn.Hill	3/9-4/0
4/3	Rhod.Corp.	3/10½-4/4½
7/32	Rhod.Kat'ng	3/16-¼
16/0	Rhod. Select	16/3-16/9 +0/3
10	Rhokana C	10⅛-10¼
16/6	Roan Antel.	17/3-17/9 +0/9
3/6	Rosterman(5/0)	3/3-3/9
23/6	Select'n Tst	24/3-24/9 +0/9
5/9	Selukwe (2/6)	5/6-6/0
3/9	Sherw'd Starr	3/3-3/9
9/0	Tangan.Con.	9/0-10/0
10/0	Do.6% Pref.	10/0-11/0
3 1/32	Vic.FallsOrd.	3-3⅛
40/0	Do. Pref.	39/6-40/6
1⅜	Wankie Col.	1 5/16-1⅜
9/7½	Zamb. Expl.	8/9-9/3

AUSTRALIAN.

2 7/16	B. Hill Prop.	2 7/16-2 9/16
1 7/16	Do. Sth. New	1 13/32-1 15/32 +1/32
3/0	Com'wth(5/0)	2/7½-3/1½ +0/1½
5/1½	Gt. Bould'r	4/10½-5/4½
16/6	Lake V.Star	16/3-16/9
20/0	Lake V.Inv.	19/0-20/0
⅜	Mount Isa	5/16-7/16
2 5/32	Nth. Bn. Hill	2 3/32-2 5/32
1 31/32	Sons of Gwalia	1 29/32-2 1/32*
15/6	Sth.Kalgurli	14/9-15/9
9/6	Sulphide Ord.	9/0-10/0*
19/6	Do. Pref.	19/0-20/0*
7/6	Wiluna Gold	7/0-8/0 +0/3
4	Zinc Ord. (10/0)	4-4⅛ +1/32
6	Do. Pref.	6-6¼ +⅛

DIAMOND.

25/32	Cons. Af. Sel.	16/3-17/3† +0/6
10/0	Cons. S. W. Afr Pref. (10/0)	8/6-9/6 +0/3
11¼	DeBeersDef.	11⅞-12⅛ +5/16
13	Do. Pref.	13⅜-13⅝ +⅛
1½	Jagersf'tein	1¾-1⅞ +⅛
4¾	Premier Pref.	4¼-4¾
2/0	West Afr.	1/9-2/3

COPPER.

16/3	Messina	13/6-14/0* −0/6
1 5/16	Mount Lyell	1 5/32-1 7/32
18¼	Rio Tinto (£5)	18⅜-18⅝
2 1/16	Tharsis	2-2¼

TIN.

M.U.—Dec. 13		
5/1½	Ampat (10/0)	4/9-5/3
3/0	Anglo-C. (10/0)	2/9-3/3
1 5/16	Aramayo	1 9/32-1 11/32
8/9	Associa'd	8/3-8/9*
26/10½	Ayer Hitam	1 9/32-1 11/32
8/0	Bisichi	7/6-8/0 −0/3
12/0	Gopeng	11/6-12/0
3/6	Idris Hydr Tin	7/9-8/9*
24/4½	Ipoh	24/0-24/6 +0/3
7/16	Kaduna Synd	8/0-8/6*
11/3	Kamunting	10/6-11/0
14/6	Kram't Pul	13/0-13/6*
4/0	Lond.Tin(4/0)	3/9-4/3
35/7½	Malayan T.D	33/6-34/0*
9/16	Naraguta	12/0-13/0 +1/0
19/9	Pahang (5/0)	18/3-19/3 −0/3
5/9	Pattani (5/0)	4/0-5/0* −0/3
19/6	Petaling	18/6-19/6 −0/3
3/0	Rahm'n Hydr	2/9-3/3
13/16	Rambutan	15/0-16/9
1 3/16	Rawang Con.	23/7½-26/7½
2¼	Renong	2 7/32-2 9/32
25/6	Siamese	24/6-25/6 −0/6
3/1½	Tavoy (4/0)	2/9-3/6
1 11/32	Tronoh (5/0)	25/9-26/9

WEST AFRICAN.

13/9	Amal.Bt(5/0)	14/4½-14/10½ +0/7½
8/6	Ariston	8/9-9/3* +0/3
3 3/16	Ashanti(4/0)	3 3/16-3¼ +1/32
1/4½	Atta Gold	1/0-1/6 −0/3
17/0	Bibiani	16/9-17/3 +0/3
11/9	Fanti Cons.	11/9-12/3
23/9	G.Coast Sel.	24/0-24/6 +0/3
1½	Kwahu (2/0)	1 5/16-1 11/16
1/7½	L'dhurst Deep	1/4½-1/10½
14/9	Marlu Gold	15/0-15/6 +0/3
1/0	Nth. Ashanti	0/10½-1/1½
1 7/16	Taqu'h & Abs.	1 13/32-1 17/32

MISCELLANEOUS.

11/6	Burma Corp	11/3-11/9 +0/7½
40/0	Champ. Reef	39/9-40/9 +0/3
11/0	Chos. Corp.	15/32-19/32
2/0	Explor. (10/-)	1/16-⅛
26/6	Frontino	1 9/32-1 11/32
4/9	Mex. Corpn.	4/6-5/6
2/9	Min. Trust	2/6-3/0
6	Min. Sepa't'n	5⅛-6⅛
7/3	Min. Crp. Can.	7/0-8/0
22/6	Mysore (10/0)	22/3-23/3
2⅝	Nundydroog	2 19/32-2 21/32
9/0	Ooregum	11/6-12/6 +1/6
24/3	St. J. Del Ray	1 5/16-1¼
9/3	San F'risco	8/9-9/9 +0/3
1	Tigon Mng.	1½-0/7½
20/0	Trepca	19/9-20/9 +0/3
7/3	Waihi In.	6/9-7/9

* Ex dividend. † Ex rights. ‡ Ex bonus. § Ex opt.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS

Armstrong Shock Absorbers.—Interim dividend of 7½ per cent. (against 5 per cent.).

Allied Bakeries.—Interim dividend of 4 per cent. which compares with 3 per cent., and is payable on capital of £915,051, against £275,000.

Apex Mines.—Interim of 5 per cent. and bonus of 5 per cent., making 15 per cent. to date. For 1936 the total distribution was 15 per cent., including bonus of 5 per cent.

Bulls Metal and Melloid.—First and final of 10 per cent., less tax (5 per cent); £5,000 to reserve; £2,599 (£3,157) forward.

British Automatic Refrigerators (1936).—Report for period November 4, 1936, to end September, 1937, shows net balance £9,048, equivalent to 28 per cent. on share capital. No credit is taken for £7,153 hire purchase interest charged on hiring not yet completed. Net balance has been transferred to reserve. No dividend recommended, and directors are waiving their fees. It is proposed to capitalise £2,020 of share premium account, and give bonus of one "A" share for every 16 "A" or "B" shares held September 30 last.

British New Guinea Development.—Interim of 2 per cent., less tax (3 per cent.).

Bowaters Paper Mills.—In view of the provision which has had to be made for increased costs in 1938, the directors cannot recommend a dividend on the Ordinary Stock in respect of the year to September 30 last. Last year 9 per cent., less tax, made up of an interim of 4 per cent. and a final of 5 per cent. was paid on an Ordinary capital of £500,000. The accounts show a rise in trading profits and dividends and interest from £202,153 to £263,897. A rapid and substantial increase has taken place in the prices of raw materials used by the company and its associated mill companies (says the report), although the effect of this was offset to some extent during the year by a rearrangement of orders as between the mills, resulting in savings in the cost of transportation and distribution. Increased manufacturing costs, however, will continue throughout 1938, and £55,000 (against nil) has been specially provided out of profits, plus £20,000 from reserves previously set aside for contingencies, making a total of £75,000. Provision for increased costs has also been made in the accounts of the associated mill companies, the aggregate amount set aside by the group being £230,000. The depreciation allowance is raised £2,500 to £42,500, and, after deducting Debenture interest, the balance available for dividends is £124,019 (against £115,528). Dividends on the increased Preference capital absorb £120,787, which leaves earnings on the Ordinary Stock £54,796 lower at £3,232. This increases the carry forward to £45,780.

Bowaters and Lloyds Sales Co.—The report for the year shows a profit of £97,569 (against £60,601). 2 per cent. Participating dividend (same) on 8 per cent. Participating Preferred Ordinary Shares. Final on the Ordinary of 10 per cent. and bonus of 5 per cent., making 20 per cent., less tax (against 12½ per cent.). To reserve £10,000 (same). Forward £35,765 (against £34,264).

Chinese Engineering Co.—Dividend of 5 per cent., tax free, for past year (against 2½ per cent., tax free).

Cow and Gate, Ltd.—Net profit, advanced from £90,785 to £98,122. The latter figure is, after charging £14,000 for losses incurred in development of subsidiary and associated companies, against £19,500 in the previous year. General reserve receives £20,000 (against £30,000 in 1935-36), and, as announced on December 10, the directors have declared a dividend for the year of 2.16d. per 1/- share, less tax, on the £297,000 Ordinary capital in issue on April 17 last. The 1,980,000 new 1/- Ordinary shares, which were issued later in April, rank for half of this amount—namely 1.08d. per share, less tax. The dividends absorb £46,777, and leave a surplus for the year of £8,657, which has been added to the amount brought in, making £46,301 to be carried forward. A development reserve has been created by the appropriation of £30,000 from general reserve. Of this special reserve, £15,000 has been utilised this year, and a balance of £15,000 is carried forward.

Daggafontein Deep.—1/2½ (against 1/3 in June and December).

Dennistown Rubber Estates.—Interim of 4 per cent., less tax.

Eucryl.—Final dividend of 10 1-6 per cent. on the Deferred shares, making 15 1/16 per cent. for the year (same).

Edward Lloyd.—Report for nine months show profit for period of £303,077 (against £526,270 for previous year); to depreciation £111,368 (£142,767); provision for increased costs, £25,000 (nil); 7 per cent. Cumulative Preference dividend, £63,000 (£84,000); 5½ per cent. Cumulative Preference dividend, £41,250 (£55,000); Ordinary dividend, 5 per cent., less tax (against 16¼ per cent.); forward, £100,957 (£98,573).

Edward Lloyd Investment.—The report for nine months shows net revenue for period £58,228 (against £194,840 for previous year). Ordinary dividend nil (against 6 per cent.), including 1 per cent. bonus. Forward £146,356 (against £145,135).

First British Fixed Trust.—Distribution of 9⅝d. (9 1-5d.) per sub-unit, tax free.

Hardys Crown Brewery (Manchester).—Interim Ordinary dividend of 4 per cent. actual, less tax, against 3½ per cent. last year.

Gopeng Consolidated.—Interim of 3¾ per cent. (same) for year.

Kent F.M.S. Tin Dredging.—Interim of 10 per cent. (5 per cent.) for year.

London County Freehold and Leasehold Properties.—Third quarterly interim dividend on the Ordinary stock of 2 per cent. (same)

Newcastle Breweries.—Profit for year £175,915 (against £135,770); add balance brought forward, £58,307, making £234,222. Final on Ordinary of 12 per cent., making 15 per cent. (against 11 per cent.); writing off special expenditure account £30,000 (same); to lost licence reserve account £4,250 (against £4,904); writing down value of shares in subsidiary £5,000 (same); making provision for pensions fund £1,000 (nil); carrying forward £79,172.

Namoe Tengan Rubber Estates.—Dividend of 8 per cent., less tax, for the year. This is the first dividend ever paid by the company, which was registered in 1926.

P.C.T. Construction.—Dividend of 4 per cent. for the year (same).

Padang Sordang Rubber.—Dividend of 10 per cent., less tax. Company was registered last January.

Rolls-Royce.—Interim dividend of 6 per cent. less tax. This is equivalent to 7½ per cent. paid on smaller capital last year.

Steel Bros.—Interim of 10 per cent., tax free (against nil) on Deferred-Ordinary for year. Interim of 4 per cent. in respect of same period on 8 per cent. Non-Cumulative Prefd.-Ordinary (same).

Sungei Krian Rubber Estates.—Interim of 5 per cent., less tax (against nil).

South African Manganese.—Dividend of 10 per cent. for the current half-year

Tekka.—Dividend of 2½ per cent. (1¼ per cent.) for year.

INSURANCE SHARES

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON.—Commercial Union, 10 1/16; General Accident, 5 5/16; London and Lancashire Fire, 30, ⅛, £30 3/6; North British and Mercantile, 11⅛; Phoenix (£1 fully-paid), £15 17/-; Prudential, 34, 3, ⅞, ½; do. "B" £1 (4/- paid), £5 1/6; Royal Insurance, £8 14/9; Sun Life, 8⅛; Yorkshire 8⅛.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Commercial Union, 202/-; Northern (x.d.), £19 8/6; Prudential, £33 13/3; Royal, 8 23/32.

BRITISH RAIL TRAFFICS

Southern.—Last week £387,000, increase £5,000; 49 weeks to date £20,380,000, increase £680,000.

London and North Eastern.—Last week £955,000, increase £40,000; 49 weeks to date £45,751,000, increase £2,142,000.

Great Western.—Last week £619,000, increase £2,000; 49 weeks to date £25,067,000, increase £1,250,000.

London, Midland and Scottish.—Last week £1,298,000, increase £69,000; 49 weeks to date £62,430,000, increase £2,545,000.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL NOTES

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

HALT IN DECLINE OF STEEL PRODUCTION.

The "Iron Age" states that steel mill activity for the current week is at 27.5 per cent. of capacity, compared with 27.5 per cent. also last week. The magazine adds that the decline has halted for the first time for over three months, and that operations at about the present rate are likely to be maintained up to Christmas, when some partial closing down will prevail until January 1st, 1938. In the meantime, however, business may accumulate, a factor which may start off operations in January at moderately above the current levels. The condition of the automotive industry continues discouraging, while the brightest spot is the demand for structural steel. One oil company is inquiring for 24,000 tons of pipe for export.

PROTECTION OF GOVERNMENT'S LOAN PROGRAMME.

Faced with the largest cotton crop in history (says a Dow Jones message from Washington), the Commodity Credit Corporation and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will soon announce two significant changes in policy designed to safeguard the administration's Commodity Loan programme. The Commodity Credit Corporation will not resume its loan-cotton disposal programme in January, as was previously contemplated; at the same time, it will soon be forced to ask the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for additional funds to finance the increased loans. The R.F.C. requires a reversal of the announced administration policy, in order to halt new R.F.C. commitments.

OFFER OF POLISH DOLLAR FUNDING BONDS.

The Polish Embassy announces an offering of 20 years 3 per cent. Dollar Funding Bonds in exchange for an equal face amount of coupons of Polish Dollar Bond coupons. The Embassy also announces a conversion offer into 4½ per cent. Internal Bonds.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMME

The Civil Service Commissioners announced in our advertising columns a series of open competitive examinations to be held during the coming year for candidates ranging from 14 to 26 years of age. The Junior Administrative examination is suited to persons who have obtained a university honours degree, and the standards and age limits of most of the other examinations are fixed so as to correspond with the ages at which boys and girls normally leave school. Thus, the junior executive officers' and Customs and Excise officers' examination is for candidates who have completed the full secondary school programme. The clerical officers' examination is suited to students who leave school after doing the Intermediate Certificate examination. The learners' and writing assistants' examinations are designed for girls who have completed the ordinary national schools' programme. Boys from national schools will find the learners' examination or the boy messengers' examination within their reach. The examinations for typists and shorthand-typists are suited to girls who have done the full national school programme and then taken up the study of typewriting and shorthand.

An important competition for vacancies as employment clerks (male and female) will be held in May. The age limits are 18-21, and the standard is Intermediate Certificate.

There will be a qualifying examination in May for Army cadetships.

A higher standard in Irish will be required in future from candidate typists, and the marks allotted to Irish typewriting in the examination will be increased. German is restored as an optional subject in the executive customs and clerical competitions.

It is announced that from 1939 inclusive the age limits for the clerical officers' examination will be reduced to 16½-18½.

The upper age limit for boy messenger candidates is raised from 15 to 16 years.

The regulations for most of the competitions will henceforth be in Irish only.

An appropriate test in oral Irish is an essential part of all the examinations mentioned in the announcement, and no candidate may be appointed to any of the posts which will be filled from these examinations unless he or she is able to speak Irish well. Intending candidates are warned also that in all examinations importance will be attached to handwriting.

RISING TIBER FLOODS

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

ROME, Wednesday.

Swollen by a week's persistent rain, the Tiber to-day reached the highest level for many years. The river is twenty feet above its normal height in Rome, and several quarters in the outskirts of the city are flooded. The rain has caused a landslide near the Vatican which has blocked an important street, and residents of a residential hillside have been ordered to evacuate their houses. Several cracks have appeared in the historic Milvio Bridge owing to the pressure of the flood waters, and it is feared that the bridge may fall.

THE AMERICAN MARKETS

STEELS LEAD MINOR ADVANCE

STEADY CLOSE

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

"Painfully slow" was the description applied by Wall Street to-day to Legislative developments. Many operators, as a result, held off, and seemed determined to keep a close watch on the progress of the Wages and Hours Bill, now under discussion in Congress. The general trend of the market was good, though eventually the list sagged slightly under its best, with "switching" for tax purposes again dominating all dealings. Final small advances predominated in a turnover of 930,000 shares.

The opening was firm. Support for the Steel group had an encouraging effect on sentiment generally, and, while traders during the morning were not disposed to make any pronounced demand, fairly good buying appeared on moderate recessions. In the afternoon, Steel shares responded to the brightening outlook for the industry, while Aviation counters were assisted by the announcement that the American Export Line will spend £1,000,000 in connection with an ocean 'plane service.

A somewhat adverse influence was apparent in the railway division following the estimate of a sharp drop in the net figures of railway operating income during November. No further stimulus for the market was evident in the later dealings, and prices continued to fluctuate within a very narrow range until the end. The close, nevertheless, was steady.

Sterling exchange opened 1/16 down at 4.99¾, and remained at this level during the morning. The rate improved to 4.99 13/16 in the afternoon, but finally eased, and closed 1/16 lower—compared with the previous close—at 4.99¾.

Silver was unchanged at 44¾.

	Wed Steady	Tue Steady
Call Money		
London Cables	4.99¾	4.99 13/16
London 60 days' sight	4.99 7/32	4.99 9/32
London Bankers' do.	4.99 7/32	4.99 9/32
London Com. do.	4.99 7/32	4.99 9/32
Montreal Cables	4.99 13/16	4.99 13/16
Paris Cables	3.39⅜	3.39⅜

Parity	Stocks	Closing Bid Wed	Closing Bid Tue
39¼	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	39¼	39
26¾	Do. Preferred	25¾	26½
11⅞	Baltimore and Ohio	11⅞	11⅞
8	Canadian Pacific	8	8⅛
—	Illinois Central	—	—
54	Louisville and Nashville	54	52
19⅛	New York Central & Hudson R.	19⅛	18⅞
184 1/16	Norfolk and West Com.	184	185
21¼	Pennsylvania Shares	21¼	21⅜
19½	Reading Shares	19½	19¾
21½	Southern Pacific	21½	21¾
13⅜	Southern Railway	13⅜	13¼
83 5/16	Union Pacific	83¼	84
81 1/16	Do. Preferred	81	82
	INDUSTRIALS.		
158 1/16	Allied Chemical	158†	159
21¼	American Loco.	21¼	21⅛
73	American Can.	73	74½
48	American Smelting	48	47⅛
13	American Radiator	13	13
145 9/16	American Tel. and Tel.	145½	145¾
62¼	American Tobacco B	62¼	63¼
31⅜	Anaconda Copper	31⅜	30⅝
3¾	Auburn Auto	3¾	3⅞
57⅛	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	57⅛	55¾
92 1/16	Case (J. I.)	92	91
54⅞	Chrysler Corporation	54⅞	54⅜
24	Consol. Edison Co. (New York)	24	24
161 1/16	Eastman Kodak	161	159¾
42⅞	General Electric	42⅞	42¼
33⅛	General Motors	33⅛	32¾
44⅛	International Nickel	44⅛	43⅛
7⅛	Do. Telephone & Telegraph	7⅛	7⅛
37⅛	Kennecott Copper	37⅛	36¾
27¾	Macy (R. H.)	27¾	27⅞
21½	McKeesport Tinplate	21½	21⅛
7	McKesson and Robbins	7	7⅛
33⅞	Montgomery Ward	33⅞	33
4⅝	Packard Motors	4⅝	4⅞
—	People's Gas	—	—
6⅝	Radio Corporation	6⅝	6⅝
17	Shell Union Oil	17	16½
5⅛	Studebaker	5⅛	5¼
11¾	Timken Detroit Axle	11¾	12†
26¾	U.S. Rubber	26¾	26¼
57	United States Steel Common	57	56⅛
106 15/16	Do. Preferred	106⅞	106½
—	Warner Bros. Pictures	—	—
24⅝	Westinghouse Air B	24⅝	24
37¼	Woolworth Company	37¼	38
—	Silver Commercial Bars	44¾	44¾
13¾	Brazilian Traction	13¾	13½
26	Brit. American Tobacco Coupon	26	25⅝
5⅜	Hydro. Electric	5⅜	5
	Technicolour Incorporated		
	BONDS.		
110 13/32	U.S. Treasury 3¾% Bds. '46-56	110⅜	—
30¼	7% German External Loan	30¼	—

DOW JONES AVERAGES

	20 Rails.	30 Indus.	20 Util.
December 15	31.38	134.19	21.45
Prev. Day	31.30	123.50	21.35
Last Year	55.00	181.97	35.29

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Eng. Equiv.		Closing Bid Wed	Closing Bid Tues
165 1/16	Bell Telephone Co. of Canada	165	165
14	Brazilian T.L. and P. Co.	14	13⅝
33¾	British Columbia Power "A"	33¾	33½
5	Do. "B"	5	5
8¾	Can. Car and Foundry Co.	8¾	8¾
20	Do. Preferred	20	20
16⅛	Canadian Celanese Com.	16⅛	16¼
—	Do. do. Pref.	—	—
9⅛	Canada Cement Co.	9	9⅛
94 9/16	Do. Preferred	94½	94⅝
4¼	Can. Indus. Alcohol Com.	4¼	4⅜
3¾	Do. "B"	3¾	3¾
8	Canadian Pacific Railway	8	8
8	Cockshutt Plow Co.	8	8½
56	Con. Mining and Smelting	56	55
29½	Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.	29½	28¾
72	Dominion Textiles Co.	72	75†
12⅞	Hollinger Cons. Gold Mines	12⅞†	12¾
17⅝	Imperial Oil, Ltd.	17⅝	17⅝
44	Inter. Nickel of Canada	44	42⅞
28⅝	International Petroleum	28⅝	28⅝
6½	Massey Harris Co.	6½	6½
30	Montreal Light, Heat	30	30⅞
50¼	Do. Debs.	50¼	50¼
38⅜	National Brewers, Ltd.	38¾	38½†
30	National Steel Car Corp.	30	30
216⅛	Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd.	216	216†
14½	Power Corporation of Canada	14½	14½
15	Quebec Power Corporation	15	15½
19⅝	Shawinigan Water	19⅝	19½
13½	Southern Canada Power	13¼	13¼
64¼	Steel Co. of Canada	64¼	64⅛
198⅛	Bank Montreal	199	195
295 5/16	Bank Nova Scotia	295†	298
167 1/16	Can. Bank Commerce	167	168
184⅛	Royal Bank of Canada	184	—
	CURB PRICES.		
15	Distillers Corp. Seagrams, Ltd.	15	14⅞
40¼	Hiram Walker Gooderham	40¼	40
13	Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada	13	13⅛
50¾	Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.	50¾	50¼
—	McIntyre Porcupine Mines	—	37⅞
49½	Noranda Mines, Ltd.	49½	48

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; § Ex rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS

Wheat irregular, 1⅛c. higher to ¼c. down.

	To-day	Prev. day
No. 1 Northern Manitoba spot	158⅛	157
f.o.b. West St. John's	158⅛	157
No. 2 Manitoba spot	117	117
No. 2 hard winter spot	108⅞	109
No. 2 red winter spot		

Maize firmer, 1⅜c. dearer. Western No. 2 mixed spot, 74⅞.

Oats steady at ⅜c. advance. No. 2 white (per 26lb.) c.i.f. New York, 44¼.

Rye very steady at 1⅛c. rise. No. 2 spot f.o.b. New York American, 95⅛.

Barley steady at ½c. gain. No. 2 New York, all growths Federal inspected, 73¾.

Flour steady and generally unchanged.

Lard barely steady, 12½ points down to unchanged. Prime Western steam loose spot, 8.32½; Middle West, 8.85 to 8.95.

Petroleum steady and unchanged.

Burlaps steady. Hessian cloth, light-weight 3.85, heavy-weight 5.10.

Tallow steady. Spot extra loose, 5⅞; spot special extra, 5½; spot in tierces, 6⅛. Futures steady. December 5.60 bid, 6.15 offered; March 5.70 bid, 5.85 offered; May 5.70 bid, 5.95 offered.

Cottonseed Oil—Futures closed steady, 1 point to 2 points up. Contract basis bleachable prime summer yellow grade—Closing options—Dec. 7.13, Jan. 7.13, March 7.15, May 7.17.

Shellac—T.N. 12¼.

Turpentine—Spot, 31; Savannah spot, 26.

Straits Tin easy at 15 to 25 points loss. Closing options—Dec. 43.35 (43.50), March 43.35 (43.50), May 43.32 (43.50), July 43.25 (43.50).

American Standard Copper steady, 9 to 6 points dearer. Closing options—Dec. 9.14 (9.06 to 9.15), Jan. 9.14 (9.06 to 9.15), March 9.15 (9.06), May 9.12 to 9.15 (9.06 to 9.15), July 9.12 to 9.15 (9.06 to 9.15).

Coffee on spot closed steady. Rio No. 7, 6¼ (nominal); Santos No. 4, 8⅞ (nominal). Futures opened irregular, with Rio 8 points down to 5 points up and Santos 5 points higher to unchanged. Apart from liquidation in the December option of the Rio contract, the market advanced with trade buying and covering on higher cost and freight offerings and the tight spot market absorbing selling by Brazilian and European connections. The close was irregular, with Rio 3 points down to 1 point up and Santos 13 points higher to 1 point lower. Futures basis Rio No. 7—Closing options—Dec. 5.10 (5.13), March 4.33 (4.33), May 4.25 (4.24), July 4.22 (4.23), Sept. 4.22 (4.23), Dec. 4.23 (4.25).

Cocoa—Spot, 5½. Futures closed steady, 4 points to 1 point up. Closing options—Dec. 5.16 (5.12), Jan. 5.16 (5.13), March 5.22 (5.21), May 5.29 (5.28), July 5.37 (5.35), Sept. 5.44 (5.42), Oct. 5.47 (5.45).

Sugar on spot closed steady and unchanged at 3.20. In futures a little commission house and operator buying appeared in the new contract owing to an absence of pressure and the steadiness of London. The close was steady at 1 point higher to unchanged.

Cotton on spot closed steady, but 3 points down at 8.29. Futures opened steady, with prices unchanged to 4 points down. Prices early declined on liquidation and selling by Liverpool and Bombay, but the market subsequently rallied on local and commission house buying on the firmness of the Stock market. The market closed steady, with quotations unchanged to 6 points lower. At New Orleans spot closed 4 points down at 8.31. Futures opened at 5 to 2 points down and closed 2 points higher to 4 lower.

Rubber Futures (No. 1 Contract)—Tendency steady, 5 points down to 2 up. Closing options—December 14.95 (15.00), January 15.00 (15.00), March 15.15 (15.17), May 15.29 (15.27), July 15.39 (15.40), September 15.47 (15.50), October 15.52 (15.55). Outside prices—Tendency quiet, steady. First latex thin crepe spot 15 5/16 (nominal); smoked ribbed sheets spot 14 15/16 buyers, 15 1/16 sellers; ditto January-February-March 15 1/16 buyers; April-May-June 15 3/16 buyers, 15¼ sellers.
(Previous prices in parentheses.)

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS

Kansas City.—Wheat steady. Spot ⅛c. and futures ⅛c. to ¼c. dearer. No. 2 hard winter spot 99½. Closing options—December 92⅝, May 89⅞.

Minneapolis.—Wheat steady. Spot ¼c. and futures ⅛c. to ¼c. dearer. No. 1 Northern spring spot 106⅞. Closing options—December 100, May 99⅜.

WINNIPEG GRAINS
WHEAT AGAIN HIGHER.

Wheat opened steady at ⅛c. to ⅜c. rise. Prices advanced on short covering, with very limited offerings. The advance in the December option disclosed a natural congestion, with exceptionally small contract supplies and a scarcity of high grade milling wheat desirable for blending with low protein grades from other countries. The close was steady at 2¾c. to 1c. higher. Opening options—Dec. 125⅞ (120), May 117 (115¼), July 112¼ (110⅞). Closing options—Dec. 128 (125¼), May 118 (116⅞), July 112⅞ (111⅞).

Oats steady, ⅜c. to ⅜c. higher. Closing options—Dec. 46⅞ (46½), May 46 (45¾), July 43¼ (43⅛).

Rye firmer, 1¼c. to 1⅜c. dearer. Closing options—Dec. 76¼ (75), May 78½ (77⅛), July 77¾ (76⅛).

Barley steady, ½c. up to ¼c. down. Closing options—Dec. 59½ (59), May 58¾ (58⅝), July 56 (56¼).

Linseed firm, 4⅜c. to 2c. higher. Closing options—Dec. 171⅝ (167), May 172 (170).
(Previous prices in parentheses.)

ARGENTINE GRAINS

Buenos Aires.—Wheat quiet, 13 to 10 points down. Maize quiet at 3 points loss. Oats steady and unchanged. Linseed steady, 15 to 19 points dearer.

Rosario.—Wheat quiet, 10 to 12 points cheaper. Maize steady at 1 point loss. Linseed steady, 9 to 3 points higher.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Wheat opened steady, with prices unchanged to ¼c. up, and closed barely steady, with values unchanged to ¼c. down. Opening options—December 95¼ (94½), May 92¼ (92⅞), July 87½ (86⅞). Closing options—December 96 to 95¾ (95¼ to 96), May 92⅞ to 92¼ (92⅞ to 93½), July 87 (87 to 87½).

Maize opened steady at ⅛c. to ⅛c. rise, and closed firm at 1⅛c. to ¼c. rise. Opening options—December 57½ (55⅞), May 59 (58¾), July 59½. Closing options—December 58⅞ (56½), May 59⅞ (58⅞), July 60 (59½).

Oats closed steady at ⅛c. to ⅛c. higher. Closing options—December 31½ (30⅞), May 30⅞ (30), July 28⅞ (28⅞).

Rye closed firm at 1c. to 1½c. higher. Closing options—December 68¾ (67½), May 70½ (69½), July 66½ (65½).

Barley nominal.

Lard opened very steady. Prices advanced on buying by the trade and in sympathy with the hog and grain markets. The close was very steady, with futures 5 to 10 points higher. Spot lost 12½ points. Prime Western steam loose spot 7.87½ (8.00). Closing options—December 8.35 (8.30), January 8.50 (8.45), May 8.85 (8.77½), July 8.92½ (8.82½).

Bacon barely steady, with dry salted bellies 12½ points down and fat backs 25 points lower. Fat backs 11.00 (11.25), dry salted bellies spot 11.50 (11.62½).

Hogs steady, with light sorts unchanged to 15 points up and heavy descriptions unchanged to 5 points higher. Light-weight 8.00 to 8.40, heavy-weight 7.90 to 7.75.
(Previous prices in parentheses.)

FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Cambridge—Good trade for Fat Cattle, and Sheep at higher prices. Glasgow—All classes Sheep in request. Edinburgh—Sharper trade for Cows. London—Wheat cargoes firm, Tin and Copper steady, and Rubber slow.

CATTLE.

CAMBRIDGE.—Beasts 324. Beef: First 44/-, second 40/-, third 38/-. Sheep 627. Mutton—First 1/2, second 9d. Pigs 1,769. Bacons 14/-, cutters 14/6, porkers 17/-. Calves 133. The annual fat stock show attracted a large entry of excellent animals. Fat cattle—A good supply, and prices higher for all classes. Fat sheep—A good trade at higher prices. Fat pigs (1,365) were in good demand at late rates. Store pigs in good demand. Veal calves—First quality animals dearer; others unchanged. Rearing calves in good request.

GLASGOW.—Four hundred and twenty home-fed cattle offered. Prices similar to those ruling last week. A keen inquiry experienced for quality animals. Top bullocks and heifers again made 54/-, current 49/- to 48/-, secondary and heavy 38/- to 42/- live cwt. Eight thousand seven hundred sheep penned; all classes in request. Oxford hoggets to 54/-, Suffolks to 52/-, crosses to 50/-, half-bred ewes to 46/6, Cheviots to 44/-, crosses to 40/6, black-faced to 34/6.

EDINBURGH.—Supplies 197 store cattle, fifteen milk cows. Black polled stirks £13 to £16 10/-, coloured polled stirks to £14 10/-, black polled calves £11, black polled bullocks to £18 10/-; fair trade. Best cows to £35, others to £26 10/-; much sharper trade.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES (BALTIC).—WHEAT—A firm tone governed the cargo section, and prices were advanced on higher overseas cables, also in anticipation of a bullish official Argentine crop report. Buyers, however, maintain a reserved attitude. No. 1 Northern Manitoba (Atlantic) December sellers 55/-, white Pacific January 35/6, Australian afloat December also January-February 37/3, Rosafe (63½lb.) December 40/6, January-February 40/-. Russian (sample) afloat 34/6 to 42/6. Parcels firmer, especially for Canadian grades, but trading slow. No. 1 Northern Manitoba (Atlantic) December-January sellers 55/-, No. 2 ditto 52/4½, No. 3 ditto 46/7½, No. 4 ditto 43/4½, No. 1 Northern Manitoba (Vancouver) January 54/6, No. 3 ditto 45/6, No. 4 ditto 43/6, white Pacific January 35/3, No. 1 dark hard winter Gulf afloat 42/-. South Australian also Victorian afloat 37/6. West Australian January 38/6, Rosafe (63½lb.) January-February 39/3, re-sellers Barusso (63½lb.) February 39/9, Russian (sample) December 35/- to 42/- per quarter of 480lb. c.i.f. terms. MAIZE—Cargoes firmer, and sellers reserved on scarcity of first-hand Argentine offers and higher overnight advices. Plate loading also December sellers 31/3, January 31/4½, February 31/6, No 2 yellow American Gulf January 28/-. Parcels firmly held. Plate December sellers 30/-, January 30/3 per quarter of 480lb. c.i.f. BARLEY quietly steady. Parcels of No. 3 Canadian Western (Atlantic) December sellers 28/3, No. 3 Canadian (Vancouver) January 27/3, Iraqian January 26/-. Plate January-February 25/3 per quarter of 400lb. c.i.f. OATS slow of sale. Parcels of Plate f.a.q. January-February sellers 15/9, No. 1 Canadian feed (Vancouver) December 23/-, January 22/9 per quarter of 320lb. c.i.f.

MARK LANE CORN.—The mid-weekly market was thinly attended, and business correspondingly small, but prices ruled firmer on higher first-hand offers. WHEAT—Market strong for Canadian grades; No. 1 Northern Manitoba (Atlantic) 58/-, No. 2 do. 55/9, No. 3 do. 49/3, No. 4 do. 46/9; Australian 40/-, Karachi 41/6, Russian on sample 40/- to 47/- per quarter of 496lb.; English at farm new 37/6 to 38/6 per quarter of 504lb. FLOUR slow, but Canadian firmer; London straight-run 38/- for delivery in Home Counties, and 37/6 Inner London area; country straights 29/- to 29/6 delivered; Manitoba patents 38/- to 39/6, Australian 30/- to 31/6 per sack of 280lb. (excluding quota payment of 6d. per sack). MAIZE firmer; Plate landed 31/6, ex ship 30/6, December 31/-, January 31/3, February 31/6 per quarter of 480lb.; yellow maize meal £8 ex mill, African mixed landed £7 5/-, white £7 5/-, yellow £7 10/-, do. ex ship £7 5/-, mixed ex ship £7; cooked flaked maize £8 7/6 to £8 10/- per ton. BARLEY steadier: No. 3 Canadian Western (Atlantic) landed 30/-, ex ship 29/-; Calcutta, also Karachi landed 29/6 per quarter of 400lb.; Californian old ex store 49/- to 54/-, ex ship 45/- to 48/-; Chilian brewing 45/- to 48/- per quarter of 448lb.; English malting 55/- to 65/- per quarter of 448lb. OATS dull; No. 1 Canadian feed landed 26/6, No. 2 do. 26/3; mixed feed Vancouver landed 24/9, do. Atlantic 23/- per quarter of 320lb.; English 26/6 to 27/- per quarter of 336lb. MILLERS' WHEATFEED maintained; broad digestive bran 8/6 to 8/7½, ordinary 8/-, weatings 8/4½ to 8/7½, ground oats 10/1½ to 10/6 per cwt. ex mill.

LIVERPOOL—WHEAT—Better overseas markets were offset somewhat by fair selling, though forward deliveries of wheat here showed a fair advance during early trading. Then prices fluctuated moderately according to the offerings for some time, but late afternoon cables caused a sharp advance, and final prices, though under best, marked a liberal improvement on the day. C.i.f. parcels neglected, nominally unchanged to 6d. per qr. dearer. C.i.f. parcels River Plate maize showed 3d. per qr. advance. Wheat on the spot firmly held. MAIZE—Spot parcels dearer at 6/5½ per cental for River Plate. FLOUR quiet at recent decline. Graded wheat futures opened ⅛d. to ¼d. per cental dearer, further improved ⅛d. to ¼d., then receded, but again moved upwards, market closing steady at ½d. to ¾d. over Tuesday night.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL. — BACON — Continental remains steady, but buyers operate cautiously, though Danish meets a moderate demand at an occasional 1/- per cwt. premium, and other selections at official prices. Danish 95/- to 101/-, Swedish and Dutch 91/- to 96/-, Polish 88/- to 94/- per cwt. Canadian Wiltshires quiet at 87/- to 91/- for lean, 85/- to 89/- prime, and Irish scarce at 89/- to 93/- per cwt. HAMS firm and in fair request at late rates. LARD on the spot steady, but quiet, at recent currencies for all descriptions. BUTTER scarce and firmly held at fully late rates, Danish showing an upward tendency and some demand for ready parcels. EGGS firm and generally tend against buyers. Northern specials 22/9, standard 21/9, selected 20/6, duck 19/6, and English new laid standard 21/9 per 120.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT.—Supplies to market 2,138 tons, being 621 tons British and Irish produce and 1,517 tons imported. Dull trade for fresh beef. Pork in slow request, with choice small pigs dearer. BEEF (national mark prices)—English long sides select 5/2 to 5/6, ditto prime 5/- to 5/2, ditto good 4/10 to 5/-. General prices (including national mark)—English long sides 4/10 to 5/6, ditto hindquarters, forerib and flank, 5/- to 5/8. Irish (Birkenhead killed) sides 4/6 to 5/-, ditto hindquarters, forerib and flank, 5/- to 5/4. PORK—English under 10st. 6/6 to 7/2, ditto 10st. to 15st. 5/6 to 6/4, ditto 15st. to 20st. 5/- to 5/4, ditto over 20st. 4/6 to 5/-. Irish 15st. and under 5/6 to 7/-.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Light supplies met a brisk demand and early clearance at: York, 20/- to 30/- large load, small 10/- to 15/-; Savoy, large 14/- to 20/-, small 10/-; swedes, 1/1 to 1/9 per cwt.; mangolds, 1/-; lettuce, 3d. to 9d. doz.; sprouts, 1/6 to 2/- chip; carrots, 1/6 to 2/- doz. bunches; beet, 1/- to 1/3; parsnips, 4/- to 5/- bag; celery, 1/6 to 4/- bunch; turnips, 3d. to 6d.; parsley, 1/- to 2/- bag, and 6d. chip.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Good supplies, with demand fair at 4/- to 4/6 and 4/9 per cwt., according to class.

DUBLIN CHRISTMAS POULTRY.—Market heavily supplied, but with weather conditions favourable and a good attendance of both home and cross-Channel buyers, sales were put through quickly, and a good clearance effected at: Best turkeys, 10d. to 1/- per lb.; secondary, 8d. to 9d.; prime geese, 6d. to 7d., and chickens 10d. to 1/-.

DUBLIN FISH.—Improved supplies included 120 boxes from one steam trawler, two chests lobsters, 70 boxes herrings and a small amount from country and local senders. Demand active at: Lobsters 20/- to 25/- per 13 large, others 5/- to 10/-; soles 30/- to 35/- per 9 pairs large, medium, 12/- to 15/-; slips 6/- to 10/-; turbot, 1/- to 8/- each; brill, 1/- to 2/-; herrings, 16/- to 21/- box; plaice, 30/- to 50/- half box; cod, 20/- to 35/-; whiting, 15/- to 27/-; ray, 20/- to 25/-; haddock, 30/- to 36/-; pollock, 12/6 to 20/-; conger eels, 15/-, and white soles 35/- to 60/-.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—British refined goods slow, unchanged. Raws firm on limited offers. 96 per cent. prompt shipment sellers 6/1½ c.i.f. U.K. Terminal quietly steady. March sold 6/2½, August 6/4½ cwt. U.K. exports last month 20,374 tons, against 23,026 same months last year; imports 172,840, against 217,879; consumption 103,600, against 101,500. COFFEE—Spot market quietly steady. COCOA steady. Accra F/F January-March 24/3 c.i.f. Terminal January sold 24/6, March 24/4½ to 24/7½, July 24/7½, September 24/10½ to 25/- cwt. SPICE—Pepper slow, unchanged. Cloves steady, quiet. Sago flour 8/7½ cwt. c.i.f. TEA—27,611 packages Indian offered in auction, and, with active biddings, market, as compared with Monday last, ruled very firm. Prices in some instances ½d. per lb. dearer. Pekoe sold 1/0¾ to 1/2¼, broken 1/1 to 1/3, orange 1/0¾ to 1/7½, with fan-1/2, and broken orange 1/1¼ to 1/7½, with fannings 1/0¾ to 1/7½. The next auctions of Indian will be held on January 3rd, and signs were not wanting as to trade, buyers securing sufficient supplies to cover their Christmastide requirements. RUBBER slow. Sheet spot quoted 7 5/16d., January 7 5/16d., February 7⅜d., April-June 7 7/16d. to 7½d., July-September 7½d. to 7 9/16d., July-September 7⅝d. lb. HEMP—Manila qualities quiet, unchanged. K December-February sellers £25 c.i.f. SISAL—A very dull market continued for African. No. 1 January-March £20 5/-, No. 2 £19 5/-, No. 3 £18 10/- c.i.f.

OILS—Linseed firmer. Spot (small lots) sellers 30/-, December 27/6, January-April 27/7½, May-August 27/9. Rape slow. Crude spot 36/-, refined 37/-. Cotton steady. Crude Egyptian naked spot 19/6, common edible 22/6, deodorised barrels 27/-. Soya maintained. English crude naked spot 27/-, deodorised 33/6. Coconut steady. Ceylon white drums spot 23/-, January 19/9, English deodorised barrels spot 30/-. Groundnut dull. English crude naked spot 28/6, deodorised barrels 36/6. Turpentine quiet. American spot 31/-, January-April 32/-. Rosin quiet. American grade B 13/9, F/G 14/3 per cwt.

OILSEEDS—Linseed firm, but reservedly offered. Plate to Hull December sellers £12 12/6, January £12 3/9, February £12 2/6; Calcutta to London December, also January, £15, Bombay to London December £15 3/9, January £15 2/6, March £14 10/-. Rapeseed steady. Toria to Hull Continent December-January £13 17/6. Cottonseed maintained. Egyptian black to Hull December, also January, £5 11/3, February £5 12/6, March £5 13/9. Groundnuts quiet. Coromandel to the Continent December to February £11 15/-, March £11 16/3, April £11 17/6. Castorseed steady. Bombay to Hull December-January £14 2/6. Soya beans firmer. Manchurian to the Continent December £8 6/3, January, also February, £8 3/9 per ton c.i.f.

TALLOW—Public sales remain suspended, and privately the market continued quiet on spot at about late rates. Quotations—Australasian mutton fair to fine 20/6 to 26/6, beef ditto 19/- to 24/-, mixed fair to good 19/- to 20/6 per cwt.

JUTE—Sellers again predominated, and recent weakness became more intensified, but offers were fairly well absorbed. Firsts Nov.-Dec. and Dec.-Jan. sold £19 7/6 to £19 5/-, Jan.-Feb. £19 6/3; Lightnings Dec.-Jan. £18 10/-. Hearts sellers £17 10/-. Daisee to Dunkirk sold £17 5/-. Tossa to usual ports sellers £18 12/6 c.i.f. Calcutta gunnies remained quiet; 10oz. Dec. and Jan.-March sellers 17/2, 8oz. Dec. 13/6, Jan.-March 13/7. Liverpool twills, both positions, 47/6, B 42/- c.i.f. SHELLAC steadier. T.N. spot 42/- to 45/-, Dec. sellers 42/-. March done and buyers 43/-, May at 44/-, Dec.-Jan. c.i.f. sellers 42/-.

LIVERPOOL—CANE SUGAR steady. Sellers basis 96 deg pol parcels 6/0½ per cwt., c.i.f., December January shipments to the United Kingdom. Refined descriptions steady at late rates. COCOA—Buyers continue to show little or no interest in spot parcels of West African. Forward shipment positions continue dull and easier. Sellers of new crop good fermented Accra at 24/-, and of Lagos, f.a.q., new crop, at 22/-, with buyers of both descriptions nominally at 6d. less, c.i.f. the Continent, per 50 kilos, December-February, January-March shipments. JAPANESE PEAS fully steady, but quiet, at late rates. Spot parcels in store quoted £22 per ton. RICE BRAN quietly steady, with Burma, for February-March shipments, unaltered at £5 10/- per ton, ex-ship terms.

OIL CAKES—Imported descriptions, in forward shipment positions, fail to attract buyers, but quotations remain steady and unaltered. American linseed quoted £8 5/-, River Plate (round) £8 15/-, and Indian expeller £8 11/3, all c.i.f., December-January shipment. Egyptian undecorticated cottonseed remain at £4 10/-, December-January shipment, ex-ship terms.

OILSEEDS—Linseed—River Plate steady, quiet, with new crop, for January-February shipment, quoted £12 5/- per ton. Cottonseed remains quietly steady. Values of white woolly sorts unaltered at £4 5/- to £4 15/- per ton forward shipments, ex-ship terms, according to position and quality. Palm Kernels firmer, with sellers now asking £11 5/- per ton for December and January shipments. Palm Kernel Oil meets with a fair inquiry at steady and unchanged prices. Crushers quote £21 for crushed and/or extracted crude, g.m.q., and £25 per ton for deodorised, all naked, ex-mills Liverpool. Groundnut Oil—Local-made deodorised steady and unaltered at £33 10/- per ton, naked, ex-mills, and a fair demand experienced. COCOANUT OIL—English-made crushed crude quietly steady at £21, naked, ex-mills Liverpool. Forward shipments of imported descriptions steady, but quiet, with £19 15/- to £19 17/6 quoted for white Ceylon in drums and £19 5/- per ton for Straits, both c.i.f. to Liverpool.

SEED OILS—Cottonseed firmly held at late rates. Refined edible quoted 22/6 and deodorised 24/6 net, naked. Soya deodorised scarce and quoted nominal. Linseed steady and maintained at 32/9 for raw and 34/3 per cwt, boiled, on spot, in barrels, all ex-mills Liverpool. Palm Oil slow and barely steady. Sellers of soft oils, for December-January and January-February shipments, at £16 12/6, February-March £16 7/6, and March-April and later positions at £16 5/- per ton with transit option, and 2/6 less ex-quay terms. TALLOW remains dull and featureless. South American No. 1 frigorific beefs unaltered at 21/6, and Australian good colour, mixed, 20/6 per cwt., both c.i.f. for shipment.

LONDON METALS MARKET

TIN AND COPPER STEADY.

TIN easier, while a moderate amount of business was effected. On balance official quotations marked an advance of 5/- per ton for cash and 10/- forward. Standard cash quoted £190 15/- to £191, three months £190 to £190 10/-; settlement £191. Sales amounted to 200 tons; cash at £191 to £190 17/6, three months £192 to £190 10/-. English ingots quoted £191. East sold £194 17/6 c.i.f. per ton. COPPER steadier, but a slow demand prevailed. Official quotations were 7/6 per ton higher for cash and 6/3 forward on balance. Standard cash quoted £39 10/- to £39 11/3, three months £39 13/9 to £39 15/-; settlement £39 10/-. 600 tons changed hands; cash at £39 5/- to £39 11/3, three months £39 10/- to £39 15/-. Electros quoted £43 5/- to £44 5/-, wire bars £44 5/- per ton. LEAD in slow demand, and prices generally steady. 600 tons sold; good soft foreign pig Dec. £15 15/- to £15 13/9, March £15 17/6, £15 16/3 and £15 17/6; settlement £15 15/- per ton. SPELTER met a fair sale at steady rates. 700 tons sold; Dec. £14 17/6, Jan. £15, March £15 5/- to £15 3/9; settlement £14 17/6 per ton. SILVER idle. Cash quoted 19¾d. to 20⅛d., three months 19 15/16d. to 20d.; settlement 20d. per fine ounce. QUICKSILVER—Spot London £13 to £13 0/6 per bottle. TIN PLATES—I.C. coke Dec. nominally 24/- per box f.o.b. Swansea.

SECOND SESSION.—Tin quiet, but firmer. 50 tons sold; cash at £192 10/- to £193, closing buyers £192 5/-; three months sold £191 15/-, £192 and £191 15/-, closing buyers £191 10/-. Copper quietly steady. 150 tons sold; cash at £39 11/3 to £39 13/9, closing buyers £39 12/6; three months sold at £39 15/-, closing buyers £39 16/3. Lead firm. 150 tons sold; good soft foreign pig Dec. £15 16/3 to £15 17/6, March £16, spot quoted £15 16/3. Spelter firm. 150 tons sold; Jan. £15 2/6, March £15 5/- to £15 6/3, spot quoted £15.

WOOL

Sydney.—At the wool sale held at Sydney yesterday the market for all descriptions was fully firm at the level set up at Tuesday's auction. Bidding was keen, the Continent, Yorkshire and Japan being the chief operators. Large purchases were made by Japan. Offerings totalled 8,199 bales, which formed a good collection, and 7,810 were sold at auction.

THIS YEAR: LAST YEAR

SOMETIME: NEVER

Councillor Fereday, ex-Mayor of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, recently had some stern things to say to the City Fathers, in solemn council assembled. It was November and the Government had not answered an official letter dated 30th January—a "glaring instance of neglect," as he put it.

Municipal Councillors caught their breaths and ground their teeth while they thought of some fitting phrase to express their horror. Eleven months! Could the Government treat Rhodesia's only full blown city like this?

Then Mr. Fereday looked again at the copy of the unanswered letter and noticed that the date was January, 1927—not 1937.

A TASK IN STONE

Rhodesia's biggest job in stone, since Zimbabwe, is expected to be finished, after a quarter of a century's effort, early in the New Year. It is the Anglican Cathedral at Salisbury, the capital city of the colony. A portion of the Cathedral, enclosed on one side by a huge and hideous screen of corrugated iron, has been used for public worship for some years. Some time in March the transepts and one bay of the nave will be opened for use, and on September 25th, in the presence of all the Bishops of the Church of the Province of South Africa, the splendid grey granite edifice will be solemnly consecrated. Four more bays and the bell tower, however, will still remain to be built.

THE FARM IN NOVEMBER

HAGGARDS WELL STOCKED

CATTLE AND SHEEP IN GOOD CONDITION

AT the close of November, says the monthly report of the Department of Agriculture, all farm work was in a more advance stage than at the corresponding date last year.

The prospects for wintering stock were better than any experienced in recent years. The mild weather stimulated pastures, affording extra keep for live stock, and, as there was little or no drain on reserves, haggards were better stocked than usual. Oats have not been offered for sale to the same extent as in previous years, and the inference would appear to be that farmers will reserve more of the grain for home-feeding.

CEREAL CROPS

Most of the wheat crop had been passed on the millers or their representative dealers by the 1st December. The yield of grain was about the same as last year, but the quality was generally better. Most of the barley had also been disposed of, and the relatively small quantities unsold will probably be retained for feeding purposes.

Oats were not offered at any of the markets to the same extent as during the corresponding period last year. Prices varied according to district and quality, but on the average were around 12s. per barrel for white, and 11s. 6d. for black. These prices were not so high as those at the corresponding time last year, and this fact may have led farmers to decide that it would pay them better to feed the oats to their own stock.

FLAX CROP

Scutching was in full swing during the past month. Yield varied, and the average was about 32½ stones to the statute acre. The quality of the fibre was, on the whole, about average. Prices during the month ranged from 52s. to 80s. per cwt., with higher prices for some choice lots.

The lifting of the potato crop was completed. The yield was above the average and the general quality of the crop good, the proportion of diseased tubers being, if anything, lower than last year. The crop was stored under satisfactory conditions. The export of ware potatoes was rather slow at prices ranging from 50s. 6d. to 57s. 6d. per ton. Trade in certified seed was, however, very brisk at prices ranging from 70s. to 170s. per ton, according to variety, and the quantity exported constituted a new record for the time of year.

Mangel crops proved better than had been anticipated, and gave an average yield of sound roots. Turnips also grew into a fairly good crop, and also gave an average yield. Sugar beet proved generally a fairly good crop, but the yield was not quite up to average.

WINTER WHEAT

The sowing of winter wheat went on steadily from the middle of October until the end of November. Reports from almost every district indicated that the area sown up to the end of the month was very much larger than at the corresponding date last year, although much land from which root crops had been lifted still remained to be prepared.

The small areas of catch crops sown made good progress, and looked promising.

CATTLE TRADE

Owing to the relatively mild weather and the good condition of pastures, live-stock in all districts were maintained in good health and condition. No reports of any outbreaks of serious disease were received from any quarter.

The number of cattle offered at the provincial fairs and markets was about the normal. There was brisk demand for good forward stores showing quality and condition, and towards the end of the month well finished fat cattle rose sharply in value.

	Prices per head From £	s.	d.	To £	s.	d.
Calves under one month	1	7	6	3	0	0
Calves, 1 to 9 months	3	0	0	5	5	0
First class stores, 9 to 12 months	5	10	0	7	0	0
First class stores, 12 to 15 months	6	0	0	9	10	0
First class stores, 15 months to 2 years	8	10	0	12	0	0
First class stores, 2 to 3 years	9	15	0	14	0	0
First class stores, 3 years and over	11	0	0	15	0	0
First class fat bullocks and heifers	10	10	0	16	0	0
Best fat cows and bulls	7	10	0	14	5	0
Choice springing cows and heifers	13	0	0	18	10	0
Choice down-calved cows	11	0	0	19	10	0

SHEEP AND PIGS

Flocks were maintained in good health and condition. All classes of sheep were in good demand throughout the month. Fat sheep were up to 55s. each, and fat lambs up to 50s. each.

The number of pigs offered at the various buying centres in November was slightly lower than in October. Average prices realised for pigs suitable for the bacon-curing industry ranged from 63s. to 66s. per cwt., dead weight, or approximately 47s. 3d. to 49s. 6d. on the live-weight basis. At the three principal provincial centres the average prices for pigs of porker weights ranged from 61s. 6d. to 69s. per cwt., dead weight. Bonhams were in good supply, and realised from 22s. to 30s. each, according to quality, age and district. Breeding stocks were well maintained, and the tendency to increase appeared to have been maintained.

Demand for horses continued active during the month at late rates. There was no special feature in the trade calling for comment.

MILK PRICES

The supplies of milk to creameries during November was again rather less than that for the corresponding period last year. Milk collected in the counties adjacent to Dublin for retail sale in the city returned 1s. 0½d. per gallon at the farm to producers. Milk delivered to creameries during October realised 5.14d. per gallon, with separated milk returned to producers.

RAINS SPELL A BUMPER YEAR

The rains are dealing kindly with the Empire. In Britain they are falling at the right time. In Canada they have come at a critical juncture, and next year's crop is assured in the West. And now comes news from Southern Rhodesia that the seasonal rains have arrived at a time when they are of greatest use to farmers and stock-breeders. Official figures of the rainfall in Southern Rhodesia have now been kept for forty years, and from these emerge the interesting fact that more rain has fallen in every district in Rhodesia during the last twenty years than in the preceding twenty years.

PAGING MR. ANYBODY

The natives of Southern Rhodesia sometimes adopt odd names.

The following telegrams were exchanged by two natives through a Mashonaland Post Office recently:—

From: Anybody.
To: Alick.
Anybody's wife very ill.
From: Alick.
To: Anybody.
If Anybody's wife is still alive, Alick will come and see her.

To allay the misgivings caused by the recent fire at Kirkintilloch, when ten potato workers lost their lives, the Secretary of State for Scotland has inserted in the Housing (Agricultural Population) Bill, now before Parliament, a clause requiring local authorities to make by-laws for the accommodation of seasonal workers within six months after the bill becomes law.

SHARE-PUSHING EVIL

"NOTHING LESS THAN A SWINDLE"

GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH ABUSES

FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT.

WESTMINSTER, Wednesday.

THE activity of "share-pushers" was the subject of a motion by Mr. F. J. Bellenger (Labour) calling upon the Government to protect the public from the widespread evils resulting from fraudulent and unscrupulous business and financial operations, and asking that legislation should be introduced to amend the Companies Acts, and to establish a National Investment Board.

Mr. Bellenger quoted a number of cases in which he held that the directors' statements, if not actually misleading, were often over-optimistic, and he also complained that a great deal of speculation was carried on by directors under the disguise of nominees. This was a practice which should cease. He argued that in the case of new ventures there should be greater liability imposed upon directors and the issuing houses in respect of statements in prospectuses.

It was high time, he said, that steps were taken to deal with property investment companies, because if this matter was not tackled at an early date widespread hardship would be caused to numerous small investors. This class of investment was rapidly becoming a public scandal, and was nothing less than a swindle. He was informed that a sum of between 12 and 14 millions was involved in this class of investment. The share capital of 58 of these companies amounted to only £116,000, and hon. members from that would be able to draw their own conclusions. Under the umbrella of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, passed to encourage thrift among people with small means, speculators and gamblers were being permitted to fleece the public. The establishment of a National Investments Board would enable small investors to place their money with safety, for they would have the backing of the Government behind them.

FURTHER CONTROL DESIRABLE

Major Milner (Labour), seconding the motion, said that most limited liability companies were honestly and conscientiously conducted, but there were others which were not, and it was desirable that some further control should be imposed.

Mr. J. S. Dodd (Liberal Nationalist) said that in his view, before any legislation was introduced, there should be full investigation into the whole matter.

Sir David Reid (Conservative) expressed the opinion that the time was ripe for an overhaul of the existing legislation, and he supported the view that a Departmental Committee should be set up to initiate the work.

Mr. T. Johnston (Labour) said that it was a crying scandal that groups of knaves and rogues should be allowed to rob and cheat, that patent lies should be advertised in the Press, and that thousands of people of small means should be made to suffer. Every broker, every one who trafficked in shares, stocks, loans, mortgages, unit grants, and what not, should be compelled to register.

THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION

Captain Euan Wallace (Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade) said that in the view of the Government the prevention of fraud was the most pressing matter, and they were determined to deal with these abuses as soon as they possibly could. The Bodkin Committee, which reported last August, dealt with most of the malpractices which had been discussed and suggested remedies. Legislation on the lines of the Bodkin report was at this moment under active consideration. This legislation would cover share-pushing and share-hawking as it was generally understood.

Secondly, the Government intended to deal with activities such as invitations to the public to participate in share commodity or metal pools. Thirdly, they hoped to deal with offers of participation in mushroom and Soya bean farms, and with abuses arising under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts.

In regard to Unit Trusts, it was recommended that the trustees should possess a recognised status and that particulars of the constitution of the trust should be available to unit holders.

As to the amendment of the Companies Act, the Government recognised that revision was essenetial in the light of practical experience and present conditions, and the only question was whether the present moment was appropriate, and whether they set on foot a wide and comprehensive inquiry. People competent to judge were not agreed as to the immediate necessity for the amendment of the Act, or as to the form the amendment should take. Therefore, if the Government accepted the motion in so far as the amendment of the Companies Act was concerned, it must not be taken as meaning the early spring. The Government saw no need for a National Investment Board, because there was no lack of opportunity for investing small savings through the Post Office Savings Bank, the Trustee Savings Bank, and the National Savings Certificates. Then, if people wished to take a little more risk they could invest in Government securities, or in building societies, in which £600,000,000 were already invested.

The Government accepted the motion, subject to the deletion of that part of it calling for the establishment of a National Investment Board.

An amendment to this effect was moved by Mr. Spens, and was carried by 186 votes to 125.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to.

NON-SKID ROAD SURFACES

The improvement effected on the roads of London by local authorities in recent years is the subject of favourable comment in the thirtieth annual report of the Metropolitan Paving Committee, of which Lord Doneraile is chairman.

Referring to the measures adopted to secure non-skid road surfaces, the committee states that the great and ever-increasing importance of the aspects of safety, durability, and cleanliness in connection with road construction is fully realised by the road authorities of London, and not less so by the engineers whose duty it is to advise them on this highly technical matter. This is demonstrated by the great improvement already effected on many of London's roads, and particularly those of asphalt and bituminous construction. In the report last issued particulars were given of the measures adopted in a number of Metropolitan boroughs with the object of affording the greatest measure of resistance to skidding, and the particulars in the present report vary according to the class of pavement and whether treatment is superimposed on an existing pavement or is the final course in the repaving of a road.

For asphalt or bituminous paving the process most commonly employed consists of an upper carpet of asphalt or bitumen upon which pre-coated stone chippings are spread and rolled in. For wood and other surfaces the pavement is surface dressed with bituminous preparation and crushed stone, and rolled. Inquiry was made from borough engineers whether any further information on the subject of road-surface roughening was available, and the committee learns that the processes already adopted are being continued and further roads treated with satisfactory results.

The experiences of the engineers to the various borough authorities in the Metropolitan district are given in detail.

In the report from Finsbury it is noted that the polishing effect of wheels is appreciably offset when horses are passing over the surface.

CAPE TOWN £6,000,000 HARBOUR SCHEME

Tenders for preliminary work for Cape Town's £6,000,000 harbour and foreshore scheme have been invited by the South African Railways.

The preliminary work will cost about £2,000,000, and is expected to take from four to five years. Important British, Canadian, German, Dutch, Swedish, Danish, and American firms are expected to tender for the contract, which will be awarded towards the end of this year.

South African materials and labour must be used as far as possible, in return for which the railways will give the successful tenderer special transport rates.

The importation of key men from overseas may be authorised by the Harbour Engineer, who is given complete control over the execution of the contract. Another clause provides that the work must not interfere with the traffic of the port.

INCREASES IN WAGES

OVER 3,000 PEOPLE AFFECTED

MR. LARKIN'S TRIBUTE TO EMPLOYERS

FROM OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT.

SUBSTANTIAL wage increases for upwards of 3,000 workers have been secured by the Workers' Union of Ireland.

Last night butchers, butchers' porters and other grades in the meat trade, at a mass meeting in the Mallin Hall, Fishamble street, Dublin, accepted the following increases:—Butchers 6s. per week, making their new wage 80s. 6d.; van and other porters, 5s. per week, making their new wage 67s. 6d.; vanmen 5s., making the wage 65s.; boys 1s. 6d., making the wage 22s. All these are minimum rates.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Jas. Larkin, T.D., told a Press representative that the question of additional holidays had been deferred, and that that of the day of the week upon which the half-holiday was to be given would be the subject of a plebiscite in the trade. The option is one between Monday and Wednesday.

Changes in hours are also to be the subject of further negotiation.

Mr. Larkin mentioned that in future apprenticeship to the trade will be regulated by a committee set up under the Apprenticeship Act. At present apprenticeship is regulated by the union.

Joint representation is to be made by the employers and the union to the Minister for Agriculture with a view to securing that, when the Coal-Cattle Pact with Great Britain is renewed, it will be on the basis that not less than 25 per cent. of the cattle exports will consist of dressed carcases.

Mr. Larkin paid a tribute to the manner in which the employers had met the workers' claims.

About 900 men and boys are affected by the settlement.

GAS COMPANY'S WORKERS

Over 1,600 employés of the Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company are to have a wage increase of 4s. 3d. per week. This offer was also considered at a meeting in the Mallin Hall last night. In this case a small group may have a differential in the scale. The increases bring the labourers up to 65s. per week, and the carters to 67s. per week.

Skilled workers also benefit under the settlement.

Mr. Larkin stated that this is the second increase which the Gas Company employés have secured in a little over a year. Here again he paid a tribute to the company for the manner in which the negotiations had been conducted, and he added that the monthly meeting between representatives of the two sides to discuss matters requiring adjustment would continue.

Members of the union employed by the D.W.D. Company have also secured increases. These amount to 4s. per week and 6s. 6d. per week respectively.

After several hide and skin merchants, including the Central Hide Company, had given their workers a voluntary increase of 5s. per week, general increases for this section of the membership of the union were secured.

Increases for members in the wool trade average 10s. per week.

Mr. Larkin stated that the claims served by the union on behalf of approximately 450 milk trade workers have not yet been settled. The offer made by the Cowkeepers' Association was not acceptable to the men, and unless the negotiations are completed very soon a difficult situation would arise in the trade.

RELIEF WORKERS

About 40 relief workers employed in connection with the road repairs work near the Five Lamps, North Strand, Dublin, withdrew their labour yesterday. The work would have been completed to-day. It is being carried out under the direction of the South of Ireland Asphalt Company. The men's complaint is that the company is not carrying out other schemes until after Christmas. When the matter was brought to the notice of Councillor James Larkin, T.D., last night he stated that he understood that the pause in the company's activities was due to lack of cement.

It is believed that the relief workers will resume work to-day.

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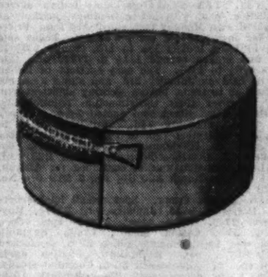

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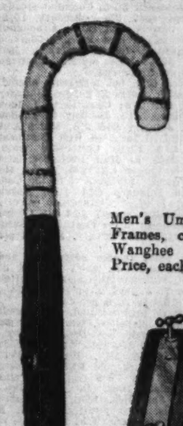

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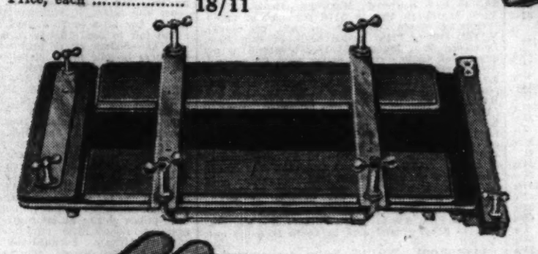

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